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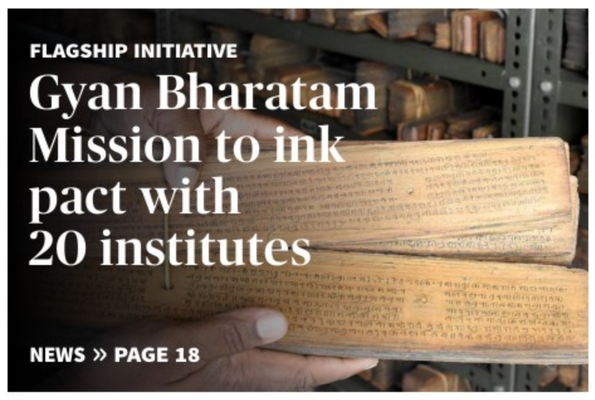

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The 66th meeting of the State High-Level Clearance Committee on Friday approved 13 proposals with a total investment of ₹27,607.26 crore. The projects are expected to generate around 8,704 direct jobs. » PAGE 12

HC fiat to officials on RSS route march issue

BENGALURU
The High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the Kalaburagi district administration to hold its proposed meetings, with RSS and other organisations, on October 28, reagarding the route march by the RSS in Chittapur and submit a report to the court.» PAGE 12

103 bus stops to be relocated to ease traffic

BENGALURU
M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, M.G. Road, Silk Board Junction, and Gangammana Gudi bus stops are among 103 shelters set to be relocated to ease traffic congestion caused by their unscientific placement, according to the Bengaluru Traffic Police. » PAGE 4

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19 passengers burnt to death as sleeper bus catches fire in A.P.

A motorcycle rider was also killed; the bus, travelling from Hyderabad to Bengaluru with 44 passengers, is believed to have hit and dragged the motorcycle, triggering sparks that ignited its fuel tank; DNA tests ordered to identify charred bodies

Marri Ramu
KURNOOL

Nineteen people, including two children, were burnt to death, their bodies charred beyond recognition, after a Hyderabad-Bengaluru sleeper coach bus caught fire following a collision with a motorcycle at Chinna Tekur village, on the outskirts of Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh, in the early hours of Friday.

The bus, owned by V. Kaveri Travels, was carrying 44 passengers, including four children, and two drivers. The police confirmed that 27 people, including both drivers, escaped the inferno, while 19 charred bodies were recovered from the gutted bus. The motorcycle rider was also killed.

The injured survivors were rushed to the Government General Hospital in Kurnool, where seven were treated as outpatients, while four were admitted for further treatment. The remaining survivors sustained only superficial injuries.

The bodies of the deceased, including five women and several children, have also been shifted to the government hospital at Kurnool for DNA fingerprinting tests to establish their identities. Samples from their blood relatives are being collected to aid identification.

Deadly drive: The wreckage of a sleeper bus after it met with an accident in Kurnool district in Andhra Pradesh on Friday. NAGARA GOPAL

The police stated that the bus was registered in Daman and Diu, and held permits from Odisha. The bus management had reportedly flouted rules by converting a regular seating bus into a sleeper coach. A case has been registered under Sections 125(a) and 106(i) of the BNS.

Experts from the Andhra Pradesh Forensic Science Laboratory thoroughly examined the burnt bus at the accident site to determine the cause of the fire.

Investigators believe that an oncoming motorcycle rider collided with the bus. He was thrown into the air and fell on the right side of the road, dying instantly. Police are also verifying reports that the motorcycle may have been lying on the highway following a hit-and-run accident, and was then run over by the bus travelling at high speed.

Sparks ignite fuel

"The bike got stuck underneath the two front wheels of the bus. It got dragged for nearly 170 metres," Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Anitha said. Forensic experts said friction sparks from the motorcycle being dragged on the road may have ignited fuel leaking from the motorcycle's fuel tank and possibly also from the bus's fuel tank, with the flames spreading once the fuel tank blew up.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy condoled the deaths of the bus passengers in separate statements. Both State governments announced ₹5 lakh *ex-gratia* to the families of the deceased, and ₹2 lakh for the injured.

A.P. Minister Ms. Anitha, and Telangana Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao visited the spot, and Kurnool Collector Dr. A. Siri and Deputy Inspector General (DIG-Kurnool) Koya Praveen were deputed to supervise relief operations.

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Kurnool tragedy: Mother and son from city among victims

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

Among those who boarded the ill-fated bus that caught fire in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh on Friday morning and left 20 dead were a mother and son – Philomena Baby J. and Kishore J., residents of Bengaluru.

Philomena had travelled to Hyderabad to celebrate Deepavali with her daughter and the extended family.

The family, hailing from Hyderabad but living in Bengaluru for several years, had decided to spend the festival in Hyderabad this year after a long gap.

Friend in shock

Before returning, Kishore had asked his close friend, Subhash, to book their tickets. Subhash, who had known Kishore for over 21 years, said he was in shock ever since he heard about the fire.

"I was at a loss for words when I heard about the fire. I kept trying to reach them, but could not get through. I finally learnt that they were among the people who died in the tragic incident."

Mr. Subhash told *The Hindu* that Kishore recently quit his job in Bengaluru to pursue his passion for martial arts.

"He was a trained martial arts instructor and used to teach Kung Fu," he added.

Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy

Team sent

The Karnataka government has sent a team of officials from the Transport Department to Kurnool. The officials have been instructed to identify victims from Karnataka and extend necessary assistance to their families.

Speaking to this reporter, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said, "I have directed Transport officials from Bagepalli in Karnataka to travel to Kurnool to coordinate with local authorities, gather information about the victims, and assist their families. All necessary arrangements have been made."

On the bus involved in the incident, the Minister said, "As per information received from officials, this particular bus had all the necessary permits to ply between Bengaluru and Hyderabad. All India permit vehicles are allowed to operate on any route across the country and are not restricted to fixed routes."

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Maharashtra doctor's death triggers anger over police conduct

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

A 28-year-old woman medical officer was found hanging in a hotel room in Maharashtra's Phaltan town late on Thursday night with a note scribbled on her palm accusing a police officer of rape and her landlord of harassment.

Hailing from Beed district, she had been serving as a medical officer at the Sub-District Hospital in Satara for the past two years. Police have registered a case of accidental death and are investigating the matter.

The Maharashtra Association of Resident Doctors (Central MARD) has announced a Statewide black ribbon protest on Saturday condemning the death of the young doctor.

"Her suicide note names both men, who remain absconding. Despite directives from the Chief Minister for immediate action, no arrests have been made so far. Central MARD has demanded the immediate arrest of the accused and a CID or SIT-led judicial inquiry into the case," Dr. Swapnil Kendre, general secretary of MARD, said.

Police found a note written on her palm, naming Sub-Inspector Gopal Badane and her landlord, Prashant Bankar, as responsible for her ordeal. The note alleged that Mr. Badane raped her multiple times for over five months, while Mr. Bankar subjected her to relentless mental harassment.

Policeman suspended

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who also holds the Home portfolio, spoke to the Satara Superintendent of Police and ordered immediate suspension of the officer named in the note. He directed the SP to take strict action against all accused, emphasising zero tolerance for such crimes within law enforcement.

The victim's cousin alleged that the doctor faced extreme pressure from the police and politicians to falsify post-mortem reports.

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NC bags 3 RS seats in J&K; BJP pulls off surprise win

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The ruling National Conference (NC) won three Rajya Sabha seats in Jammu & Kashmir, and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won one seat after voting on Friday. The BJP registered a dramatic victory on the fourth seat by bagging 32 votes despite having 28 legislators in the J&K Assembly.

Three senior NC leaders – former Ministers Choudhary Mohammad Ramzan and Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo, and party treasurer Gurwinder Singh Oberoi – won. The BJP's State president Sat Sharma won the fourth seat defeating NC candidate Imran Nabi Dar who polled 22 votes.

Three rounds of polling were held for the four seats from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m following which Mr. Ramzan and Mr. Kichloo got 58 and 57 votes respectively. The 90-member Assembly has a present strength of 88.

"I thank all those who voted with their conscience. I had reached out to all legislators irrespective of their party affiliations," Mr. Sharma said.

The NC described its win as a victory of the "policies of the Omar Abdullah government and the rejection of what happened on August 5, 2019", when the erstwhile State was split into two Union Territories and the special status was scrapped.

Joyous moment: NC candidate Choudhary Mohammad Ramzan celebrates after winning on Friday. IMRAN NISSAR

"Today's victory is a victory of the government policies. Our legislators, who were elected by people, showed that they reject what happened on August 5, 2019," Mr. Ramzan said.

The party accused the BJP of "horse trading". "The BJP did not have numbers. Horse trading is evident. All resources were employed by the BJP to win the seat. They bought votes," Mr. Dar said.

J&K Chief Minister said the NC's votes remained intact, as witnessed by the election agent who saw each polling slip. "There was no cross-voting from any of our MLAs so the questions arise – where did the four extra votes of the BJP come from? Let's see if any of the BJP's secret team owns up to selling their souls," he said.

Besides the five Independents who are part of the Abdullah government, the NC, with 41 legislators, was backed by the Congress (six members), the PDP (three), and the Awami Ittehad Party and the CPI(M) who have one member each.

NDA to contest Bihar poll under Nitish's leadership, says Modi

Amit Bhelari
AURANGABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi began his campaign for the Bihar Assembly election from Karpoorigram on Friday, asserting that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) "under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar" would produce a record-breaking electoral performance.

His confirmation of the leadership of Mr. Kumar – president of the Janata Dal (United), the BJP's alliance partner – comes a day after the Opposition INDIA bloc formally selected Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav as its Chief Ministerial face.

"This time, in Bihar, under the leadership of Nitish *babu*, the NDA is set to break all its previous records of victory. In this election, Bihar will give the NDA its biggest ever mandate so far," Mr. Modi added.

Hours later, Home Minister Amit Shah echoed his words.

"Nitish Kumar has made efforts to get Bihar back on track, and for the past 10 years, Narendra Modi *ji* has nurtured Bihar," Mr. Shah said at a poll rally in Siwan.

'Most corrupt families'

The Prime Minister chose to launch his campaign at the birthplace of late socialist leader and Bharat Ratna awardee Karpoori Thakur in Samastipur district, noting that it was because of Thakur that people like him, from backward and poor families, were able to stand on the platform.

At a second rally in Begusarai, Mr. Modi attacked the Opposition for trying to appropriate Thakur's legacy.

"The RJD family is Bihar's most corrupt family and the Congress family is the country's most corrupt family. Most of the family members of these two parties are out on bail and now they are trying to steal the *Jannayak* title of Karpoori Thakur," he said.

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My son only spoke of ideological successor: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two days after his son Yathindra created a political stir by suggesting that Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi was fit to be his successor, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah clarified that the reference was only to an "ideological successor" but it had been "twisted" out of context.

Answering reporters' questions here on Friday, Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "What can I do if his statement is twisted? I asked Yathindra what exactly he had said. He told me that he had only spoken of Satish Jarkiholi as an ideological successor, not as the next Chief Minister."

When asked if it was inopportune to have made such a statement in the midst of an intense debate on leadership change in the State, an irritated Mr. Siddaramaiah blamed the media for "wrongly presenting" Dr. Yathindra's remarks.

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Late-career impasse: making sense of the Shami situation

In his much-awaited comeback from injury, the 35-year-old's main focus has been to age successfully as a fast-bowler. But the Indian selectors appear unmoved at the moment. Can he convince them and the team management that he still offers value at the highest level?

GETTY IMAGES

N. Sudarshan

Very few fast-bowlers age successfully. Their wicket-taking nous and cognitive abilities may remain intact, but so extreme are the fitness demands that once they are on the wrong side of 30, bodies tend to fragment and physical frailties become all the more evident.

It is no surprise then that in the list of the top-15 cricketers with the longest Test careers, there are only two out-and-out pacemen – James Anderson and Imran Khan.

Challenging period

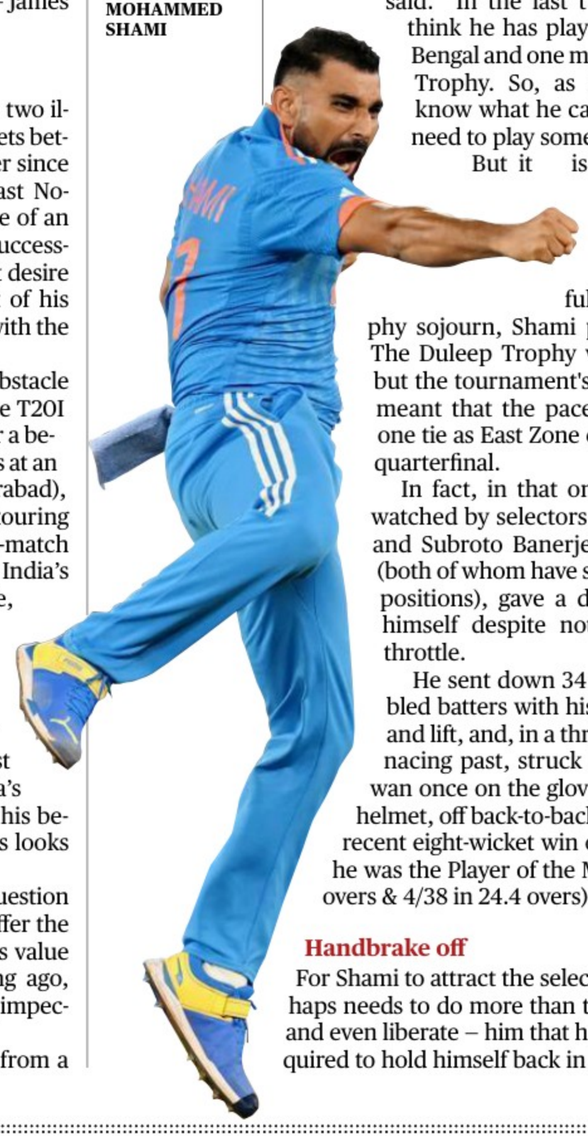
Mohammed Shami, 35, will not join those two illustrious men, with more than 1,000 wickets between them, in that roll of honour, but ever since he made his much-awaited comeback last November after a year-long absence because of an ankle injury, his main focus has been to successfully age. There appears to be a consistent desire to create meaning from whatever is left of his cricketing life even as he comes to terms with the inevitable bodily vulnerabilities.

There has, however, been one major obstacle – India's selectors are unmoved. While the T20I boat has admittedly sailed past Shami after a below-par IPL (six wickets from nine matches at an economy-rate of 11.23 for Sunrisers Hyderabad), the Bengal quick's non-inclusion in the touring party to Australia for the ongoing three-match ODI series, despite his prominent role in India's 2025 Champions Trophy-winning side, would have hurt.

His fortunes in Test whites were dealt body blows when he was selected neither for the two multi-day matches India-A played against Australia-A in September nor for the upcoming twin fixtures against South Africa-A. The opening Test of India's two-match series against South Africa at his beloved Eden Gardens on November 14 thus looks like an unattainable dream.

All of which has now given rise to the question of whether Shami still has something to offer the Indian team and if the think-tank still sees value in the speed merchant who, not so long ago, bamboozled batters with his skiddy pace, impeccable skill and inch-perfect control.

> If I can play four-dayers [Ranji Trophy], I can also play 50-overs cricket
>
> **MOHAMMED SHAMI**



For one, Shami seems to be suffering from a lack of game-time in red-ball cricket, something chief selector Ajit Agarkar pointed out when the squad for the two-Test series against the West Indies was announced. Since the World Test Championship final against Australia in June 2023, Shami has played one Ranji Trophy match versus Madhya Pradesh in November 2024, one Duleep Trophy encounter for East Zone versus North in August and last week's Ranji game versus Uttarakhand.

"He has not played a lot of cricket," Agarkar said. "In the last two-three years, I think he has played one match for Bengal and one match in the Duleep Trophy. So, as a performer, we know what he can do. But, he will need to play something."

But it is equally true that he has been a victim of circumstances. After the successful Champions Trophy sojourn, Shami played a full IPL. The Duleep Trophy was his next stop but the tournament's knockout format meant that the pacer could play just one tie as East Zone crashed out in the quarterfinal.

In fact, in that one outing, Shami, watched by selectors Shiv Sunder Das, and Subroto Banerjee and S. Sharath (both of whom have since vacated their positions), gave a decent account of himself despite not bowling at full throttle.

He sent down 34 overs in all, troubled batters with his seam movement and lift, and, in a throwback to his menacing past, struck Kanhaiya Wadhawan once on the glove and then on the helmet, off back-to-back deliveries. In the recent eight-wicket win over Uttarakhand, he was the Player of the Match (3/37 in 14.5 overs & 4/38 in 24.4 overs).

Handbrake off

For Shami to attract the selectors' gaze, he perhaps needs to do more than this. It may help – and even liberate – him that he would not be required to hold himself back in the fear of getting injured again, for this may well be his last roll of the dice.

"He is a guy who has performed when he has been provoked, and shown intensity and focused harder if he has been challenged and kind of chided... that's the kind of personality Shami is," former India batter W.V. Raman, who has seen Shami at close quarters during his coaching stints with Bengal, told *The Hindu*. "So, I think this is perhaps something that he will take as extreme provocation and maybe force his way back into the side and perform extraordinarily."

This, in turn, will depend on two things. In the event Shami regains his old magic, would the Indian management like to ration his time as a lead pacer the way it does with Jasprit Bumrah? Does it view Shami's inclusion as a hindrance to the development of a young pace bowler?

The decision-makers' thinking, at least in the second matter, is evidently clear. Khaleel Ahmed (27 years), Punjab's Gurnoor Brar (25), who was in the Rest of India team for the Irani Cup, and Vidarbha's Yash Thakur (26), who won the Ranji Trophy last season, all found a place in the India-A squad that played Australia-A, and are also part of the roster that will take on South Africa-A.

With Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna and Akash Deep part of the first-choice attack, and the likes of Harshit Rana and Arshdeep Singh already among the back-ups, it does leave Shami with very little room. Moreover, India is pencilled in to play just three Tests in the first nine months of 2026 – one versus Afghanistan at home and two away in Sri Lanka – before it travels to New Zealand for two more.

As a result, ODIs might be where Shami finds his opportunities, with the 2027 World Cup in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia a good target to aim at. The 50-over format is where he has left his deepest imprint in recent times, setting the 2023 World Cup on fire with a tournament-high 24 wickets from seven matches at an average of 10.70 and then winning the 2025 Champions Trophy.

In the UAE, Shami became the fastest Indian bowler to get to 200 ODI wickets (104 matches) and was the second quickest internationally, behind Australian left-arm pacer Mitchell Starc (102).

It is perhaps instructive that, in August, Shami said that winning the 2027 edition was the "only dream left", and as recently as last week, with reference to his non-selection for the Australia tour, caustically remarked: "If I can play four-dayers [Ranji Trophy], I can also play 50-overs cricket."

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> **W.V. RAMAN**
> Former India cricketer

PTI

Will he, won't he?

"It's all a question of timing," said Raman when asked if 2027 was a realistic target. "A lot of factors will be at play, but it's definitely something that cannot be ruled out. Especially [with respect to] fast-bowling, because, of late, there has been a great need for fast-bowlers.

"I'm sure that he will fancy his chances, given that he's done it over a period of time and he knows, perhaps, that he can maintain the fitness that is required. It will be challenging no doubt because beyond a certain stage, every year that passes in your life is going to be challenging."

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	22	11,340	20
2	Jannik Sinner	24	10,000	17
3	Alexander Zverev	28	5,930	24
4	Taylor Fritz	27	4,645	22
5	Novak Djokovic	38	4,580	19
6	Ben Shelton	23	4,100	22
7	Alex de Minaur	26	3,935	23
8	Lorenzo Musetti	23	3,685	21
9	Jack Draper	23	3,590	17
10	Holger Rune	22	3,180	22
11	Casper Ruud	26	3,145	23
12	Felix Auger-Aliassime	25	3,145	27
13	Karen Khachanov	29	2,950	24
14	Daniil Medvedev	29	2,810	24
15	Andrey Rublev	28	2,560	28

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 262 ▼ 2 spots

Aryan Shah
Rank 389 ▲ 2 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	27	10,390	20
2	Iga Swiatek	24	8,703	20
3	Coco Gauff	21	7,863	21
4	Amanda Anisimova	24	5,914	21
5	Jessica Pegula	31	5,183	22
6	Jasmine Paolini	29	4,525	20
7	Elena Rybakina	26	4,505	22
8	Madison Keys	30	4,395	20
9	Mirra Andreeva	18	4,319	19
10	Ekaterina Alexandrova	30	3,375	26
11	Qinwen Zheng	23	3,028	16
12	Clara Tauson	22	2,789	24
13	Belinda Bencic	28	2,662	22
14	Elina Svitolina	31	2,605	19
15	Emma Navarro	24	2,515	25

Top Indians ▶

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 337 ▲ 10 spots

Shrivalli Bhamidipaty
Rank 388 ▼ 11 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	8	6	1	1	15	3	12	19
2	Man. City	8	5	1	2	17	6	11	16
3	Bournemouth	8	4	3	1	14	11	3	15
4	Liverpool	8	5	0	3	14	11	3	15
5	Chelsea	8	4	2	2	16	9	7	14
6	Tottenham	8	4	2	2	14	7	7	14
7	Sunderland	8	4	2	2	9	6	3	14
8	Crystal Palace	8	3	4	1	12	8	4	13
9	Man. United	8	4	1	3	11	12	-1	13
10	Brighton	8	3	3	2	12	11	1	12
11	Aston Villa	8	3	3	2	8	8	0	12
12	Everton	8	3	2	3	9	9	0	11
13	Brentford	8	3	1	4	11	12	-1	10
14	Newcastle	8	2	3	3	7	7	0	9
15	Fulham	8	2	2	4	8	12	-4	8
16	Leeds United	8	2	2	4	7	13	-6	8
17	Burnley	8	2	1	5	9	15	-6	7
18	N. Forest	8	1	2	5	5	15	-10	5
19	West Ham	8	1	1	6	6	18	-12	4
20	Wolves	8	0	2	6	5	16	-11	2

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	AC Milan	7	5	1	1	11	4	7	16
2	Inter Milan	7	5	0	2	18	8	10	15
3	Napoli	7	5	0	2	12	7	5	15
4	Roma	7	5	0	2	7	3	4	15
5	Bologna	7	4	1	2	11	5	6	13
6	Como	7	3	3	1	9	5	4	12
7	Juventus	7	3	3	1	9	7	2	12
8	Atalanta	7	2	5	0	11	5	6	11
9	Sassuolo	7	3	1	3	8	8	0	10
10	Cremonese	7	2	4	1	8	9	-1	10
11	Udinese	7	2	3	2	7	10	-3	9
12	Lazio	7	2	2	3	10	7	3	8
13	Cagliari	7	2	2	3	6	8	-2	8
14	Torino	7	2	2	3	6	13	-7	8
15	Parma	7	1	3	3	3	7	-4	6
16	Lecce	7	1	3	3	5	10	-5	6
17	Verona	7	0	4	3	2	9	-7	4
18	Fiorentina	7	0	3	4	5	10	-5	3
19	Genoa	7	0	3	4	3	9	-6	3
20	Pisa	7	0	3	4	3	10	-7	3

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Real Madrid	9	8	0	1	20	9	11	24
2	Barcelona	9	7	1	1	24	10	14	22
3	Villarreal	9	5	2	2	16	10	6	17
4	Atletico Madrid	9	4	4	1	16	10	6	16
5	Real Betis	9	4	4	1	15	10	5	16
6	Espanyol	9	4	3	2	13	11	2	15
7	Elche	9	3	5	1	11	9	2	14
8	Athletic Club	9	4	2	3	9	9	0	14
9	Sevilla	9	4	1	4	16	14	2	13
10	Alaves	9	3	3	3	9	8	1	12
11	Rayo Vallecano	9	3	2	4	11	10	1	11
12	Getafe	9	3	2	4	9	12	-3	11
13	Osasuna	9	3	1	5	7	9	-2	10
14	Valencia	9	2	3	4	10	14	-4	9
15	Levante	9	2	2	5	13	17	-4	8
16	Real Mallorca	9	2	2	5	10	14	-4	8
17	Celta Vigo	9	0	7	2	8	11	-3	7
18	Real Sociedad	9	1	3	5	8	13	-5	6
19	Real Oviedo	9	2	0	7	4	16	-12	6
20	Girona	9	1	3	5	6	19	-13	6

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	7	7	0	0	27	4	23	21
2	RB Leipzig	7	5	1	1	10	9	1	16
3	Stuttgart	7	5	0	2	11	6	5	15
4	Dortmund	7	4	2	1	13	6	7	14
5	Leverkusen	7	4	2	1	16	11	5	14
6	Cologne	7	3	2	2	12	10	2	11
7	E. Frankfurt	7	3	1	3	19	18	1	10
8	Hoffenheim	7	3	1	3	12	12	0	10
9	Union Berlin	7	3	1	3	11	14	-3	10
10	SC Freiburg	7	2	3	2	11	11	0	9
11	Hamburg	7	2	2	3	7	10	-3	8
12	Werder	7	2	2	3	11	16	-5	8
13	FC Augsburg	7	2	1	4	12	14	-2	7
14	St Pauli	7	2	1	4	8	12	-4	7
15	Wolfsburg	7	1	2	4	8	13	-5	5
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17	Heidenheim	7	1	1	5	6	13	-7	4
18	M'gladbach	7	0	3	4	6	15	-9	3

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	908	932
2	Harry Brook	868	898
3	Kane Williamson	850	919
4	Steve Smith	816	947
5	Yashasvi Jaiswal	791	858
6	Temba Bavuma	782	806
7	Kamindu Mendis	781	784
8	Rishabh Pant	753	801
9	Daryl Mitchell	748	804
10	Ben Duckett	747	787

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	882	908
2	Noman Ali	853	853
3	Matt Henry	846	846
4	Pat Cummins	838	914
5	Kagiso Rabada	837	902
6	Josh Hazlewood	815	864
7	Scott Boland	784	784
8	Nathan Lyon	769	812
9	Mitchell Starc	766	807
9	Gus Atkinson	766	766

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Shubman Gill	768	847
2	Ibrahim Zadran	764	764
3	Rohit Sharma	745	882
4	Babar Azam	739	898
5	Virat Kohli	724	909
6	Daryl Mitchell	720	751
7	Charith Asalanka	716	725
8	Harry Tector	708	767
9	Shai Hope	700	802
10	Shreyas Iyer	691	710

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	710	799
2	Keshav Maharaj	680	741
3	Maheesh Theekshana	659	686
4	Jofra Archer	654	654
5	Bernard Scholtz	645	648
6	Kuldeep Yadav	644	761
7	Mitchell Santner	637	657
8	Adil Rashid	628	675
9	Matt Henry	622	691
10	Josh Hazlewood	611	727

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Abhishek Sharma	926	931
2	Phil Salt	857	881
3	Tilak Varma	819	845
4	Pathum Nissanka	779	779
5	Jos Buttler	775	794
6	Travis Head	743	885
7	Tim Seifert	718	727
8	Suryakumar Yadav	698	912
9	Kusal Perera	692	786
10	Mitchell Marsh	681	681

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Varun Chakaravarthy	803	803
2	Akeal Hosein	699	714
3	Adil Rashid	696	747
4	Rashid Khan	693	828
5	Adam Zampa	691	746
6	Wanindu Hasaranga	687	809
7	Abrar Ahmed	686	703
8	Nuwan Thushara	676	714
9	Jacob Duffy	671	750
10	Kuldeep Yadav	648	737

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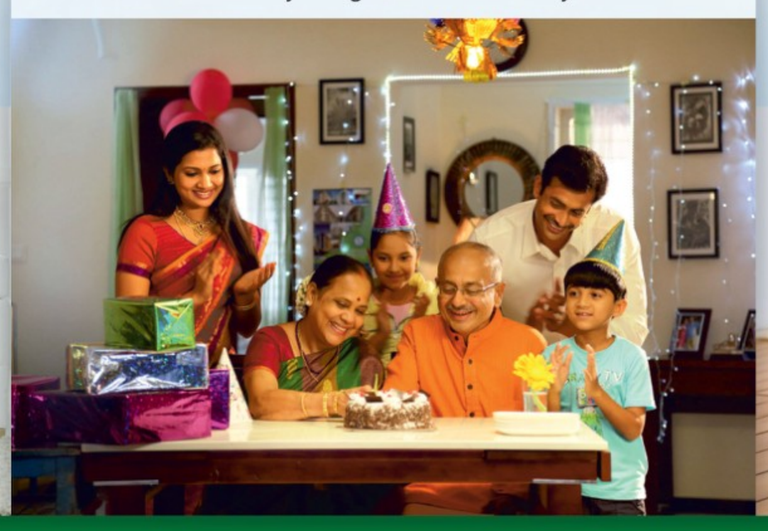

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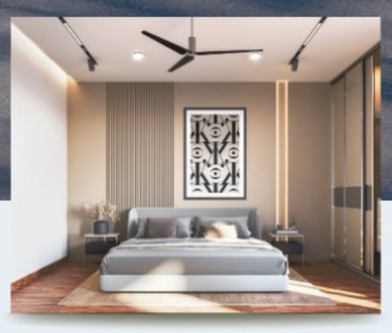

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You don't just play for the badge, but also for your own people

From winning javelin gold at the World Youth Championships to becoming the first woman to score five ODI centuries in a year, Tazmin Brits has lived an extraordinary life in sport. In this chat, the 34-year-old South African talks about her experience at the ongoing World Cup, the evolution of her batting, the pain of missing the 2012 Olympics and how cricket helped ease it

INTERVIEW

Tazmin Brits

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Tazmin Brits' life has had some strange turns. Stranger than most people's lives. She won the javelin gold at the 2007 World Youth Championships in Athletics and went on to establish herself as one of the world's most promising throwers. Her eyes were set on the London Olympics of 2012. A terrible car crash dashed those dreams. She was lucky to survive. But she fought back. With more grit than most people.

Cricket gave Brits a second innings in life, even if she could not quite cement her position in the South African team for years. She contemplated quitting. But, early this month, the 34-year-old became the first woman in history to hit five ODI hundreds in a calendar year. That fifth hundred came in the ongoing World Cup, in which South Africa has advanced to the semifinals. Excerpts from an exclusive interview Brits gave *The Hindu*:

How have you found the experience of the World Cup in India thus far?

It has been great, apart from the heat and the humidity, but we are used to that by now. It was amazing when we played against India. The amount of fans that were actually there – that is what you want at cricket stadiums. You want to fill them up, especially in the women's game. And they actually supported us as well, which is quite nice.

> If we win the World Cup, it might top that [javelin gold at the World Youth Championships], but it is one of my best memories

You have been in fabulous form this year. Is it a result of something different that you have been working on?

Yeah, we have been working on quite a few things. We have had a lot of batting camps as well. I am trying to become more of a 360-degree player, instead of just [being] one dimensional. I still think I have a lot to learn, but I am glad that the work is paying off.

How do you look back at your 171 not out against Pakistan at Lahore last month?

I have tried to think what I actually did in that game, but it was one of those where it was just flowing. I mean,
I was reverse-hitting seamers; you always practise those shots, but you never get the opportunity to do them in the game. So it was nice to be able to do that and to actually contribute to the team.

How did it feel, making three hundreds in a row?

It was quite great. I wish I could have continued like that. It would be nice if you could make a hundred every single game. But I am very critical of myself. So I always prepare myself to do that. Hopefully I can get a few more.

What was it like, making it to the final in front of a home crowd at the 2023 T20 World Cup?

I think the home crowd actually helped us to get to that final. Just the amount of South Africans that were actually in those stands – at the end of the day, you don't just play for the badge, but also for your own people in the background.

And you made a big contribution in that semifinal win against England – 68 and four catches.

I had never done something like that before, so that also made me realise that I am capable of a lot more. I did put a bit of pressure on myself because I always wonder how am I going to match that? Making 60-odd runs and taking four catches...it was a great feeling.

You have formed a highly successful opening partnership with your captain Laura Wolvaardt. You have the best seat in the house to watch those lovely cover drives.

I definitely enjoy it. A lot of times when I see those shots I wonder how she does that, because clearly my type of technique is not the same. People that we play against know by now if you miss your length on the off-side, Wolfy's coming into you. It is great to see that.

You made your debut for South Africa in 2018, but it took a while for you to become a regular member of the team. Were those days difficult?

It was very difficult and a lot of times I actually wanted to retire from cricket due to the fact that the opportunity wasn't that much. You know, you almost feel like you would rather go do a different job. But I am glad I actually persisted and was motivated to stay in.

How did you begin playing cricket?

I played a bit in primary school. I played with the boys, but the majority of my sports was actually athletics. I loved sports in general and then I let go of cricket a bit to focus more on my javelin career, but by god's will I actually ended up playing cricket again.

Were you always a javelin thrower?

I just tried every single sport that I could possibly do when I was younger.
I could throw the javelin very far, but I could never peg the javelin and then I met my coach and ended up going to high school with him. Then they taught me how to peg it and from there I just fell in love with the sport.

Your memories of winning gold at the World Youth Championships...

If we win the World Cup, it might top that, but it is one of my best memories. I remember the whole crowd clapping with me. I actually get goosebumps now just thinking of it: you know, running down that runway, and I was like, it is now or never, throwing that javelin and seeing how it actually goes, when the commentators read out the distance that you threw... to know that you are No. 1 in the world, I don't think someone can actually describe that feeling.

You had to miss out on the London Olympics...

I went through a big stage of depression as well, and tried to commit suicide. But luckily I had a good support system, I had my mom and my dad and a few mates of mine. They, and cricket, actually got me out of it: I ended up playing a bit of club cricket and then provincial cricket, just to be amongst people and friends.

Which cricketers do you admire?

I am a big fan of Quinton de Kock. I am very glad that he is back into our system. I actually know him personally. I am a fan of Virat Kohli as well. I enjoy watching Smriti Mandhana. She is quite passionate about the game. She is one of the world's best. She is, of course, ranked No. 1 in the world at the moment, and it is nice to watch a left-hander. That is also why I like Quinton.

Assistance for overcoming suicidal thoughts is available on the State's health helpline 104, Tele-MANAS 14416 and Sneha's suicide prevention helpline 044-24640050. Helplines across the country can be accessed here: https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/suicide-prevention-helplines/article61753129.ece

GAME THEORY

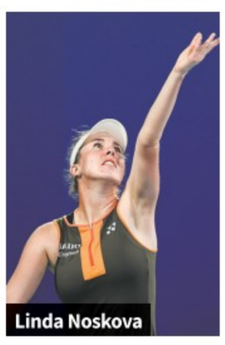
Top servers this season on the WTA Tour

Ahead of the season-ending Finals, which begins next weekend, we list the female players with the most aces so far in 2025. These players are compared based on the number of aces served per match and the number of aces served per double-fault. At the other end of the spectrum, Coco Gauff has the most double-faults this year (405), serving 6.64 double-faults per match and 2.28 double-faults per ace, but that didn't prevent her from winning Roland-Garros

Elena Rybakina

Clara Tauson

Player	Matches	Aces	Double-faults	Aces/match	Aces/double-fault
Elena Rybakina	69	457	205	6.62	2.23
Clara Tauson	58	358	211	6.17	1.70
Linda Noskova	59	354	279	6.00	1.27
Ekaterina Alexandrova	70	318	292	4.54	1.09
Naomi Osaka	45	307	122	6.82	2.52
Aryna Sabalenka	70	267	154	3.81	1.73
Elise Mertens	56	261	221	4.66	1.18
Veronika Kudermetova	50	240	137	4.80	1.75
Iga Swiatek	76	235	226	3.09	1.04
Madison Keys	50	219	161	4.38	1.36
Liudmila Samsonova	54	212	173	3.93	1.23
Alycia Parks	34	208	256	6.12	0.81
Amanda Anisimova	58	206	247	3.55	0.83
Ann Li	49	203	111	4.14	1.83
Jessica Pegula	69	182	161	2.64	1.13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Ekaterina Alexandrova

Naomi Osaka

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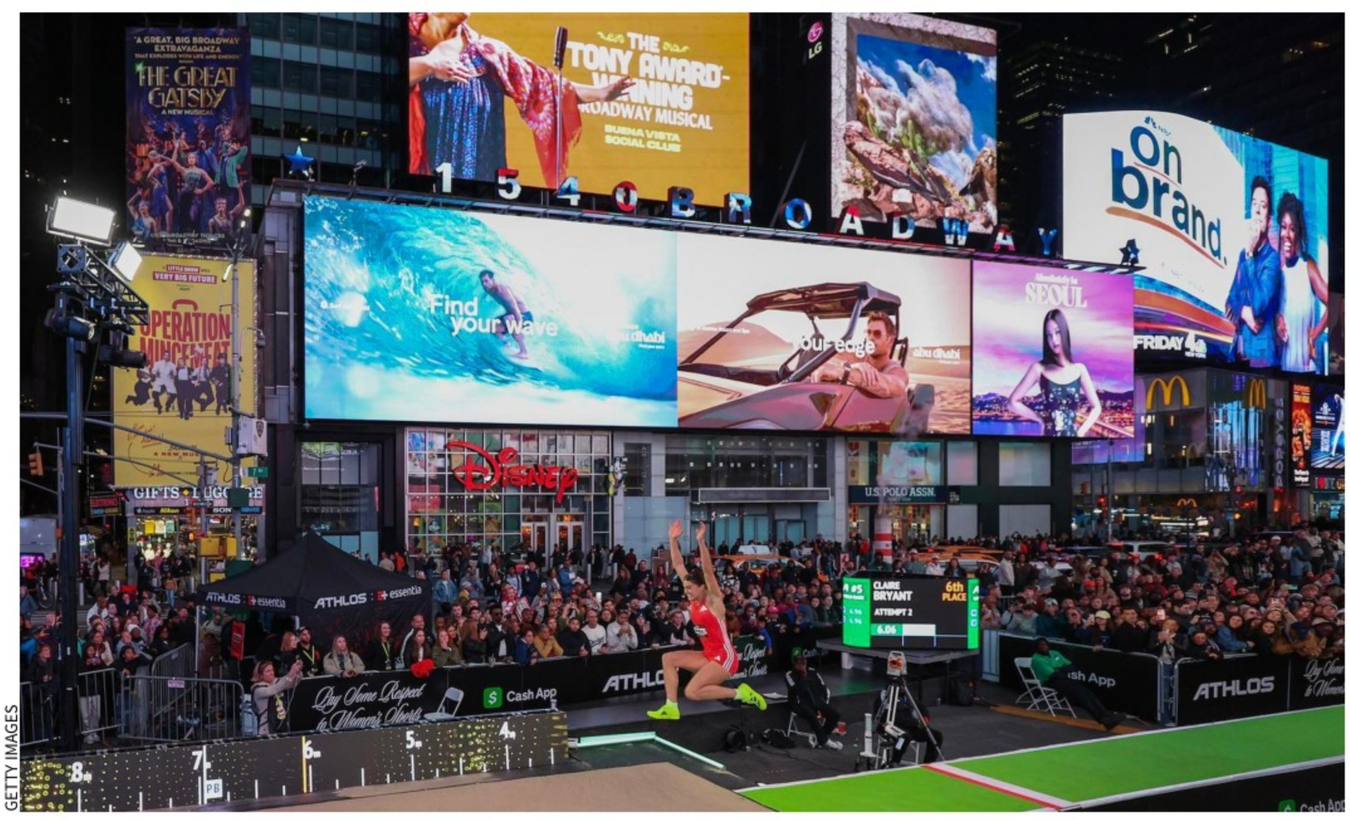

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Faster, brighter, longer

This photograph captures a slice of action from this month's Athlos NYC25, an all-female athletics meeting series held at New York's *Times Square* and Icahn Stadium.

Named after the Greek word for athletics, the event, which came into existence last year, seeks to platform female athletes and make the sport more accessible.

Staged three weeks after the World Championships this year, Athlos — the brainchild of Reddit co-founder and venture capitalist Alexis Ohanian, better known in the sports world as Serena Williams' husband — brands itself as an end-of-season celebration, a blend of culture and competition.

It's no surprise then that it featured flares, disco lights, music and celebrities.

The competition comprised two categories. 'She Jumps' had some of the world's top long-jumpers while 'She Runs' showcased some of the sport's fastest women over various distances.

The winners earned $60,000 and crowns from Tiffany's. The event's aim, though, is larger. It wants to position female athletes as stakeholders and reportedly gives them a 10% revenue share.

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103 bus stops to be relocated to ease city's traffic congestion

The list has been sent to the GBA, which will direct the five new municipal corporations to oversee the relocation of shelters within their jurisdictions

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Chinnaswamy, M.G. Road, Silk Board Junction, and Ganngamma Gudi bus stops are among 103 shelters in Bengaluru set to be relocated to ease chronic traffic congestion caused by their unscientific placement, according to the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP).

The list of "traffic-causing" bus shelters has been sent to the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), which will direct the five new municipal corporations to oversee the relocation of bus stops within their jurisdictions.

Karthik Reddy, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), told *The Hindu* that the BTP, in collaboration with BMTC, conducted an audit of bus stands across the city and identified 103 shelters contributing significantly to traffic congestion. The initiative follows BTP's efforts to pinpoint traffic bottlenecks and implement measures to decongest Bengaluru.

According to the BTP, the shelters on the list were either too close to traffic signals, causing vehicles to queue behind buses, or located on curves along main carriageways.

"When a bus stops at a shelter near a signal, it cannot move until passengers have boarded or alighted. This essentially paralyses the vehicles behind it, creating long queues and adding to congestion," Mr. Reddy explained.

The BTP studied such patterns across the city and their impact on traffic, strategically planning the relocation of problematic shelters to areas where bus stops would have minimal effect on traffic flow.

The new locations have been identified to remain within 100 m of the original points for public convenience. In exceptional cases, the distance may extend up to 200 m, as in the case of the Ittamadu bus stop. Other relocations involve bus stops positioned on road curves, such as the Thirumala bus stop near Akshay Nagar in Yelahanka. Being at a point where a double road curves and a U-turn junction exists, buses stationed here cause traffic queues of 50 to 100 m during peak hours. Some of the major bus stands included in the list are Sulibele in Devanahalli, ISKCON Entry Gate, T.C. Palya Junction, and Richmond Junction, among others.

A senior police officer noted that while autorickshaws and taxis can also cause traffic delays, they can be asked to move quickly or fined. Buses, however, are harder to regulate. The officer said this relocation initiative would help streamline traffic and ease the burden on personnel managing junctions.

A GBA official told *The Hindu* that many of the identified bus stops are maintained under public-private partnership arrangements, and relocation works will be undertaken by the respective agencies. He added that the GBA has already issued instructions to the new corporations to oversee the relocation process and complete it at the earliest.

Bus stands to be relocated

Traffic station limits	Number of bus stands	Major bus shelters
Yelahanka	3	RMZ, M.S. Palya
K.R. Puram	5	Kasturinagar and Medahalli
Mahadevapura	7	Hope Farm and Seegehalli junctions
Hennur	2	Thanisandra
Peenya	4	Hegganahalli and Vijaya Rolling Mill
Jalahalli	3	Gangamma Circle
Chikkabanavara	12	Janapriya Junction
Jayanagar	3	East End Junction
Banashankari	1	Ittamadu
Bellandur	3	Carmelaram and Junnasandra
Whitefield	5	Kodathi and Varthur college
J.B. Nagar	4	Old Madras Road Junction (80- ft road)
Cubbon Park	3	M. Chinnaswamy Stadium and M.G. Road
Kamakshipalya	7	Hegganahalli and Magadi Main Road
Jnana Bharathi	12	Ullal, Kengunte, Papareddypalya

Note: These are the major junctions; the remaining 29 bus stops are distributed across several other traffic police station jurisdictions.

City-based NGO's 'Our Digital Futures Fest' begins today

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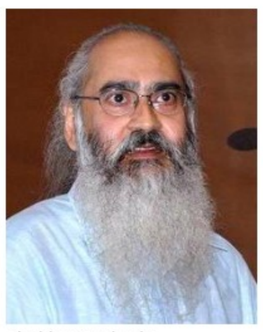
Shekhar Seshadri

IT for Change, a Bengaluru-based NGO working on research and advocacy in the domain of digital justice, is organising "Our Digital Futures Fest" with a set of events between October 25 and November 1 to mark its 25th anniversary.

The events, being organised with *The Hindu* as its media partner, mark the organisation's work in the area of "people-centered technology models, grounded in democratic principles, and individual and collective human rights".

Multiple events

The fest features an array of events, including panel discussions, film screenings, roundtables, and exhibitions, that will touch upon trends in the evolution of technology, society and their intersections, and where India is located on these trajectories.

The fest comes at a critical juncture when India is aspiring to offer leadership to contextual technology and AI development, including innovations grounded in respect for multilingualism, and to protect its digital sovereignty amidst rising geopolitical tensions.

India is also set to host the AI Impact Summit in February 2026, recentering the focus on people, planet, and progress in the digital epoch, according to the NGO.

The fest begins on Saturday at Bangalore International Centre with a public talk on "The Screen, Self, and Algorithms" by Dr. Shekhar Seshadri between 11.30 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.

The leading child and adolescent psychiatrist, in his talk, will look into critical questions of screen addiction, identity formation, and young people's well-being in our algorithm-driven world. It will be moderated by Prof. Sundar Sarukkai, philosopher and author.

Photo exhibition

A photo exhibition, "From Fields to Futures," that captures the creative efforts of adolescent girls, rural women, school teachers, and students who have harnessed technology for inclusive learning in classrooms and digital storytelling, will be on display at the same venue.

The next set of events will be held on October 30, 31, and November 1 at Infosys Science Foundation as part of the series of events.

For more details of the events, visit: https://itforchange.net/events.

Two-day workshop

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The Department of Mechanical Engineering at Sai Vidya Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, will host a two-day AICTE-VAANI Scheme workshop on 'Advanced Materials for Industrial Applications' from October 30.

The workshop, according to T. N. Manjunath, principal of Sai Vidya Institute of Technology, and S. Raghavendra, secretary and outreach chair, will feature eminent faculty members and industry experts from across Karnataka.

The event aims to foster collaboration between academia and industry, focusing on recent research developments and innovations in advanced materials for industrial use.

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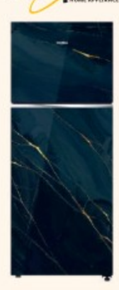

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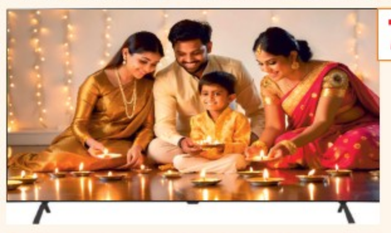

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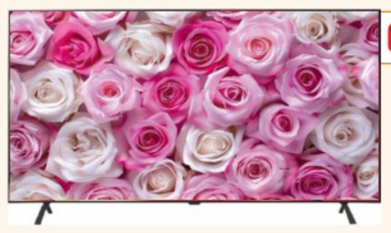

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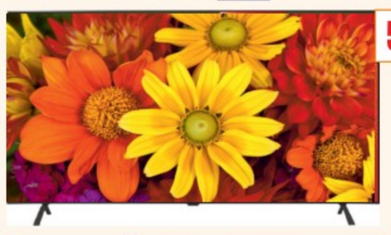

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Man held for smuggling animals

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) officials of the Customs Department at Kempegowda International Airport intercepted a 27-year-old passenger arriving from Bangkok on Thursday and seized three endangered primates he was attempting to smuggle into the city.

The accused, identified as Ranitha Rajan R, was allegedly carrying a silvery gibbon and two black-shanked doucs. A third black-shanked douc died due to suffocation. The rescues have been handed over to wildlife authorities for rehabilitation.

Corporal punishment: Chief Minister's Office seeks detailed report from DSEL

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has considered the corporal punishment meted out to a student by the principal and teachers of St. Mary's Public School at Sunkadakatte in Bengaluru seriously and directed the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) to submit a detailed report.

Officer on Special Duty to Chief Minister, K. Vaishnavi, has written a letter to the Principal Secretary of DSEL and asked them to investigate the facts of the case, take necessary action, and submit a compliance report with Global Positioning System (GPS) photographs.

Meanwhile, the Block Education Officer (BEO) of Bengaluru North Zone-I visited the school, investigated the teachers, students and school management and submitted a report to the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI).

The report states that it is apparent that the principal and teachers meted out corporal punishment to the student, and more facts need to arise from the investigation.

The Class 5 student of St. Mary's Public School was allegedly assaulted on October 14 by the principal and teachers with a PVC pipe and locked up in a room for being absent for two days.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that, on behalf of our Client, we are investigating the right, title, and interest in relation to the property described in the Schedule below **("Schedule Property"),** which is owned by the Owner, **Mrs. S. Annalakshmi,** daughter of Late. Shanmuganand**a ("Owner").** The Owner has represented that she is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and that she possesses full and unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Any person, including individuals, corporate bodies, partnership firms, banks, financial institutions, other lenders, or government bodies having any right, title, interest, claim, benefit, demand, or encumbrance in the Schedule Property or any portion thereof—whether by way of sale, lease, joint development, mortgage, charge, lien, possession, assignment, attachment, exchange, gift or transfer in any manner, tenancy, license, inheritance, easement, succession, right of way, agreements, settlement, maintenance, decree or order of any Court of Law, or otherwise—is hereby called upon to submit their objections and/or claims in writing, along with documentary proof, to the undersigned at the address mentioned below within **seven (7) days** from the date of this notice.

If no such objection or claim is received within the stipulated time, it shall be deemed that no person other than the Owner has any right, interest, or claim in respect of the Schedule Property. All rights, interests, and claims, if any, not notified as stated above shall be treated as waived and unenforceable, and the Owner's title to the Schedule Property shall be considered clear and marketable.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Old No.6, New No. 2,** situated at **Grape Garden, 2nd Cross, 6th Main, 7th Cross, Thyagarajanagar, Bengaluru – 560 028** measuring East to West: **24.0 Feet** and North to South: **30.0 Feet,** admeasuring **720 Square Feet** along with 600 Square Feet of Old RCC building at Ground Floor with all civic amenities like Cauvery water, electricity, sewerage facilities is coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 154, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru having PID No. 51-57-2 and bounded on the:

East by : Private Property,
West by : Remaining Site of same No.2,
North by : Mr. Armugam's Site,
South by : 20 Feet Road.

Signed /-

Trust Law Advocates & Solicitors
No.29/11, 1st Floor, Udaya Sahakara Bhavana Mount Joy Road, 1st Main Road, Bengaluru 560019 Phone : 080 – 29913089, Email Id: narayan@trustlaw.in

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I BENGALURU
Government of India
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru)
4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

FORM NO. 14
(See Regulatuion 33(2))
DRC No. 7461

Vijaya Bank (Now Bank of Baroda) Kanakapura Branch, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District **...Certificate Holder**
Versus
Sri. B.C.Ravi Kumar & Others **...Certificate Debtor(s)**

DEMAND NOTICE

To, 1. Sri. B.C.Ravi Kumar S/o. Chinnagiri Gowda, R/a: B.S.Doddi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District.
2. Smt. D.Pushpalatha W/o. Sri. B.C.Ravi Kumar, R/a: B.S.Doddi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District. And are **also R/a:** No.680, 20th Main, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru - 17.
3. Sri. Chinnagiri Gowda S/o. Thimme Gowda, R/a. B.S.Doddi Village, Horalagalu Post, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No. 953/2012** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on 28.06.2013 an amount of **Rs.1,84,20,246.11** (Rupees One Crore Eighty Four Lakh Twenty Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Six Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filling of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from the date of paper publication of the demand notice at 10.30 am for further proceedings.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) all cost, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this 22th Day of August 2019.

Sd/- (RAJASEKHARAN.R)
RECOVERY OFFICER-1
DRT - I, BENGALURU

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Mr.Naushad Khan intending to purchase the property from Mr.Ritesh Raj in respect of property Gramathana House List No.39, BBMP No.5, PID No.64-78-5, Khatha No.16/1B, Assessment No.97, New BBMP E-Khatha No.5959055672, Situated at Tavarekere Village, Begur Hobli, Madivala Group Panchavath, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet totally 1200 Sq.ft., along with building with all civic amenities.

Any person or persons having/asserting any right title or interest/claims or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may file their objections to the undersigned within Ten days from the publication of Notice hereof with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained and my client will proceed with the purchase of the said property.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mr.PATEL MOHAMMED HUSSAM, AND Mr. PATEL MOHAMMED ADHNAN**, both are sons of **Mr.Patel Mohammed Yousuf, and Mrs. Patel Yasmeen Kauser w/ o Patel Mohammed Yousuf** All are residing at #611, Onji Mohiuddeen Street, Muslimpur, Vaniyambadi-635 751 Tirupattur Dist. Tamil Nadu, intends to purchase the Non-Residential and Commercial Property mentioned hereunder, from the vendor **Mr.MASOOD AHMED,** S/o.Mr.Abdul Wahab, Residing at # 505, 5th Cross, 2nd Block, HRBR Layout, Bangalore-560 043, and who claims to be the Absolute owner thereon, by virtue of Registered Deed of Sale vide dated:17-02-2019.

Any person who has got any Right, Title, Interest or claim and objections if any to the proposed sale transaction may write to the undersigned with documentary proof within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice, failing which it is presumed that there are no claims, and no objections, and my clients will proceed with the said sale transaction and no claims or objections will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Non-Residential and Commercial Property Bearing Municipal Corporation **No.20, Electronic Khata No.1669201 Property No.20 New E-PID No.91-80-20** situated at Coles Road, Old BBMP Ward No.91 New BBMP Ward No.78, (Pulikeshinagar), Frazer Town, Bangalore, along with Land Open spaces and all the structures standing thereon. **Allotted PID No.91-80-20**

MEASURING
East to West : 32 feet;
North to South : 62 feet;
Totally Measuring : 1984 sft.
BOUNDED ON THE
EAST by : "F" Street;
WEST by : "G" Street;
NORTH by : Private Property;
SOUTH by : Coles Road;

ABDUL LATEEF KHAN
M.A.,LL.B., **Advocate,**
No.16, 12th Cross, B.S.A. Road, 1st Stage, Pillanna Garden, B'lore-84.
M : 9845110533
Place : Bangalore Date : 24-10-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that **Shri. JAI KUMAR C @ JAYA KUMAR C,** aged about 49 years, s/o. Late. Chidambara Rao, R/at No. 56, 80th Cross, I Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, J.P. Nagar, BANGALORE -560 078, is the full & absolute owner of the Site No. 19, which is morefully described in the schedule below, was gifted by his mother/Lalitha, under a Gift Deed dated 11/02/2019 registered as Document No. ABL-1-07827/2018-19 of Book – I stored in C.D. No. ABLD 350 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Attibele, Anekal Taluk.

It is further notified to the General Public that the earlier Sale Deed dated 19/01/2002 executed by Munithimma Reddy in favour of M. Parvathamma, registered as Document No. 6616/2001-02 of Book – I stored in C.D. No. 7/2001-02 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Anekal, Bangalore (U) District, was lost/missing. A Police complaint in this regard was also lodged with the Jurisdictional Police/Bangalore City vide Lost Report No. 1852057/2025 dated 15/10/2025. It is hereby requested that if any person/s comes across or finds the same, they are requested to hand over the same to the below-mentioned address & they will be compensated accordingly.

It is also notified that NAGARAJ, aged about 42 years, s/o. Sharanappa, R/at No. 02, Sai Paradise Layout, M. Medahalli Village, Mayasandra Post, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, BANGALORE – 562 107, is intending to avail a loan from LIC Housing Finance Ltd., to purchase the scheduled property from the present owner/Jai Kumar @ Jaya Kumar C.

The General Public is hereby further cautioned that if anybody deals with the Schedule Property with any person/s based on the misplaced/lost document mentioned above, it is at their own risk & cost, and such person/s will not derive any title over the Schedule Property and in such an event they have no claim of whatsoever nature against Jai Kumar C @ Jaya Kumar C nor against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of property bearing **Site No. 19, New No. 765,** Kaneshumari No. 1522, Janjar No. 1023, as per Chandapura TMC Assessment No. 1168/1522/19/765, Old Property No. 1522/19, New Property No. 7418704774, formed in converted land bearing Sy. No. 13/3, situated at **IGGALURU VILLAGE, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District,** measuring East to West **30 feet (9.144018 meters)** and North to South **40 feet (12.192024 meters)** in all measuring **1200 square feet (111.4836 square meters)** and bounded on: -

East by : 25 Feet Road; West by : Site No. 22; North by : Site No. 20 & South by : Site No. 18.

Shri. G.N. HARISH, Advocate,
Office at No. 312, Ground Floor, 21st 'A' Cross, VI Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE - 560 070
Dated : 24/10/2025 Place : Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client has agreed to purchase the 'Schedule Property', from its Owners represented by **M/s. ELITE ESTATES,** having its office at No. 5, 2nd block, KHB Building, 13th cross, Indiranagar 2nd stage, Bangalore 560 038.

Any Person/s, Societies, Association/s, Government Authorities, Financial institution/s, Banks, Judicial authorities asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the Schedule Property or any documents thereof or objecting to such Sale/Transfer in favour of my Client, should write or contact me within **10 days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period, my Client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being residentially converted vacant **Site bearing No.39,** Ward No.20, Assessment No.3329/255/4B/255/5/255/6/39, PID No.11-549-476, formed out of Schedule 'A' Property, in the layout known as **"ELITE PARK PHASE-I",** which is approved by the Bangalore International Airport Area Planning Authority (BIAAPA), vide its Final Plan sanction order No. **BIAAPA/TP/LAO/13/2021-22/24-25, dated 29.08.2024** and the project is approved by RERA, vide its registration No. **PRM/KA/RERA/1250/303/ PR/151222/005515** and released the said site as per order dated **29.08.2024** Vide No. **BIAAPA/TP/LAO/13/2021-22/24-25/1267,** situated at **Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** admeasuring East by 14.51 meters, West by 15.38 meters, North by 9.77 meters and South by 9.81 meters, in all measuring a total extent of **145.96 square meters or 1571square feet** and bounded on: -

East By : Road.
West By : Site No.40
North By : Site No.38
South By : Road.

For NAYARKODI ASSOCIATES,
Dhiraj Nayarkodi, Advocate
#62, 5th main, AECS Layout, Sanjaynagar main road, Bangalore-560094.
Branch Office : at 7th floor, High Point IV, Palace Road, Bangalore
Ph: 23411958, Mob: 9886755278, email : nayarkodiassociates@gmail.com
Date : 25-10-2025 Place : Bangalore

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER -I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL,BENGALURU (DRT-2)
4th Floor, Telephone House Buiiiding Rajbhavan Road Bangalore - 560001

Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))
DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961.

TRC No. 1404/2018 in O.A. No. 1044/2015

KARNATAKA GRAMEENA BANK (Erstwhile Karnataka Gramin Bank)
V/S. SRI KANTHARAJU & OTHERS

To **(CH) Karnataka Grameena Bank,** (Erstwhile Karnataka Gramin Bank) Kandikere Branch,Chikkanayakanahalli Taluk, Tumkur District, Karnataka **... Certificate Holder**

Versus

Legal Heirs of Late S. Kantharaju

(CD-1): Sri S. Vinay Raju, S/o. Late Sri S. Kantharaju, hosakere Village, Chikanayakanahalli Taluk, Tumkur , Karnataka.

(CD 2): Smt. Ramya (Daughter) W/o. Sri Ranganath, R/at Javagal, Arsikere Taluk, Hassan Distirct, Karntaka.

(CD 3): Smt. Rashmi (Daughter) W/o. Sri Sreenivas, R/at Muniyuru, Turuvekere Taluk,Tumkur District, Karnataka. **....Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru (DRT-2)** in an amount of **Rs.13,00,523/-** (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Five Hundred and Twenty Three Only) along with pendentellite and future interest as per RC till realization and cost of **Rs.46,255**/- (Rupees Forty Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Five Only) has become due from Certificate Debtors.

2) You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.**3)** You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. **4)** You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, for further proceedings.**5)** In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will be liable to pay:(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings.(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processess and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **20.06.2025**

Sd/- Recover Officer ,
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT-2)

NB: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act 1961 read with RDDBFI Act 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16 (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representatives or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, not shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other moneys contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

E- Auction Notification

Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd Announces E- Auction of Commercial Contracts, published on IREPS e-tendering system as per the following schedule.

Sr. No.	Name of Contract	No. of Contracts / Lots	Date and Time of E-auction
1	Display of Advertisements inside train - Madgaon -Mangalore-Madgaon (10107/10108) Memu train and Diva – Sawantwadi Road passenger (10105/ 10106)	02	29.10.2025 at 11:00 hrs
2	Parcel Scanner at Madgaon	01	29.10.2025 at 11:00 hrs
3	Pay Parking at Asnoti, Ankola, Murdeshwar, Bhatkal	04	29.10.2025 at 11:00 hrs
4	Display of Advertisements exterior train – Diva – Sawantwadi Road passenger (10105/10106), Diva – Ratnagiri passenger (50104/50103), Konkan kanya Exp (20112-20111), Mandovi Exp (10104-10103)	03	30.10.2025 at 11:00 hrs
5	Leasing of SLR – Train No. 20112, 10104, 22907	03	30.10.2025 at 11:00 hrs
6	Cloak Room at Murdeshwar & Mookambika Road Byndoor	02	30.10.2025 at 11:00 hrs
7	Commercial Publicity through Video Screens on Station Premises at KARMALI, KARWAR	02	31.10.2025 at 11:00 hrs
8	Advertisements through Hoardings near Road Under Bridge / Road Over Bridge – Maharashtra and Goa	08	01.11.2025 at 11:00 hrs
9	Advertisement at Railway stations through Advertisement Boards, Hoardings at stations at Khed, Veer Madgaon, Gokarna Road and Honnavar	05	03.11.2025 at 11:00 hrs
10	Advertisement at Railway stations through Advertisement Boards on FOB's at Thivim, Karmali and Madgaon	03	04.11.2025 at 11:00 hrs
11	Advertisement at Railway station Main Entrance Arch at Madgaon	01	05.11.2025 at 11:00 hrs

For queries please contact: **1.** Shri. Pravin Daware, **Mob. No.**: 9004470597. **2.** Shri. Vinay Gaonkar, **Mob. No.**: 9004476129. **3.** Shri. Madhukumar Shetty, **Mob. No.**: 9004476082. For more details, please visit the website at **www.ireps.gov.in**

Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
(Distt. - Saran), Bihar 841221

E-Tender Notice No: EL-Melt-OT-2025-26
Dated : 23.10.2025

Dy CME/HQ Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the **President of India** invites online "e-Open Tender" through Indian Railways E-Procurement System (IREPS) for under mentioned work. **(1) Name of the work with its location and completion period. :** Electrical works for installation of additional crane in melt shop (48 Mtr. Length) at RWP, Bela. Work Completion period is 08 Months. **(2) Approx. cost of the work :** Rs. 5530163 (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh Thirty Thousand One Hundred Sixty Three Only). **(3) Earnest Money to be Deposited :** Rs.1,10,600 (Rs. One Lakh Ten Thousand Six Hundred only). **(4) Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender:** Bid start from 31.10.2025 on www.ireps.gov.in. Tender Closing on 14.11.2025 at 14.30 and opening on 14.11.2025 at 15.00 or after. **(5) Website particulars, Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.:** For full details and submission of bid kindly visit Portal (IREPS) **www.ireps.gov.in.** The prospective firms/ bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with IREPS Portal **(www.irpes.gov.in)** for updates including Addendum/ Corrigendum / Cancellation with respect to the above tender because no such any notice/ information concerned that shall be published in newspaper.

Dy. CME/HQ, Rail Wheel Plant, Bela
RWP/CPRO/Advt./2025-26/71

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-(IREPS) Tender Notice No: 36 UBL 2025-26
Dated: 17.10.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders (IREPS) for the following works:

Sl.No.	Name of work	Approx. Value
1	**Hubballi Division:** Proposed Construction of changing room & Separate wash room for ladies, station masters and points-women (Total - 24 Station). (Maintenance period 03 Years).	Rs. 2,76,32,347.00
2	**Hubballi Division:** Proposed Ballast depot at Bairidevar-koppa (BDKA) (old Amargol Station).	Rs. 2,52,69,079.00
3	**Hubballi Division: Hubballi-Gadag section: Sub Work-I:** TRR(S) for a length of 13.625 Tkm in passenger looplines, **Sub Work-II:** Increasing sleeper density - 13.625 km. in looplines of Hubballi-Gadag (UBL-GDG) section.	Rs. 3,79,72,986.00
4	**Hubballi Division: Hubballi-Gadag (UBL-GDG) section:** Construction of canal crossing by precast RCC segmental Box at Km. 49/630 in between Hulkoti-Binkadakatti (LKT-BKIT) stations by RH Girder / Cut and cover method on deposit term for KNNL Authority Sub Division - 02 Huvinahadagali.	Rs. 2,49,36,775.00
5	**Hubballi Division: Hubballi-Gadag (UBL-GDG):** Construction / Extension of Limited height subway [LHS] at Km. 36/0-010 in Annigeri Yard (NGR) at Gadag end in Hubballi-Gadag (UBL-GDG) Section.	Rs. 1,84,55,233.00
6	**Hubballi Division: Gadag-Hotagi (GDG-HG) Section:** Rebuilding of Br.No. 33B & 34A (DN Line) on account of ORN 3 with precast RCC segmental Boxes by RH girder / cut and cover method in Bijapur-Mugalalli (BJP-MGL) section.	Rs. 1,60,07,327.00

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 14.11.2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-Ordination Hubballi
PUB/573/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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IN THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, AT HYDERABAD

O.A.No. 366 OF 2025

Between:
IDBI Bank Limited, Mahavir House, Basheerbagh Square, Hyderabad - 500 029 Represented by its Deputy General Manager ...Applicant
And
Sri Ganesh Kumar Pamula & Another ...Defendants

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF SUMMONS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

To
D-1) Sri Ganesh Kumar Pamula, S/o. PamulaMuthaiah, R/o.06, 2nd Main Road, MLA Layout, Ganganagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 032. Cell No.9949505258, 7093079481.
Also at: Sri Ganesh Kumar Pamula, S/o. PamulaMuthaiah, H.No.1-9-295/5/A, 2nd Floor,Vidyanagar, Hyderabad - 500 044. Cell No.9949505258, 7093079481.
Also at: **Sri Ganesh Kumar Pamula,** S/o. Pamula Muthaiah, SPR Publications Pvt. Ltd., Surya Sudha, 8-2-293/82/A/22, Plot No.22, Road No.5, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad - 500 033. Cell No.9949505258, 7093079481.
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D-2) Smt.Pamula Anusha, W/o. Ganesh Kumar Pamula, R/o. 06, 2nd Main Road, MLA Layout, Ganganagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore 560032. Cell No.9949505258, 7093079481.
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Where as the Applicant has instituted an Application under Sec. 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.60,96,590/-** together with future interest and other reliefs and the Hon'ble Tribunal ordered notice to you, by way of paper publication in "The Hindu" English daily, Bangalore edition and in "Mana Telangana" Telugu Daily News Paper, Hyderabad edition and posted the matter to 26.11.2025.

You are hereby required to show cause on **26-11-2025** at 10.30 A.M. at Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, 3rd Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad - 500001, in Person or by Advocate, as to, why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that, in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 24th day of October, 2025.

ASST. REGISTRAR
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
3rd Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad - 500 001

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT-2)
Government of India
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru)
4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

DEMAND NOTICE
(NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.)

RC/220/2022

Bank Of Baroda
Versus
SRI. MOHAMMED GHOUSE SAIT & OTHERS

TO,
(CHB) BANK OF BARODA
K.G Road Branch, K.G Road, Bangalore -560009
.....Certificate Holder
(CD 1) MOHAMMED GHOUSE SAIT
No. 1005 Anriya Palatial, No. 8, 6th Cross, 1st Main Road, L.G. Halli, Dollars Colony, Bangalore-560094
(CD 2) RUMANA BAI
W/o Mohammed Ghouse Sait No 1005 Anriya Palatial No 8 6th Cross 1st Main Road LG Halli Dollars Colony Bangalore -560094
(CD 3) FATHIMA SAIT
No 1005 Anriya Palatial No 8 6th Cross 1st Main Road LG Halli Dollars Colony Bangalore -560094
(CD 4) HANEEF SAIT No 1005 Anriya Palatial No 8 6th Cross 1st Main Road LG Halli Dollars Colony Bangalore - 560094
.....Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in OA/82/2018 an amount of **Rs 9558765 (Rupees Ninety Five Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousands Seven Hundred Sixty Five Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 10.30% Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. 01/11/2017 and cost till realization has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from the date of paper publication of the demand notice at 10.30 am for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **20.07.2022.**

You are directed that the payment made if any by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the Payment position regularly.

The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the Verification of the Recovery officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars where from the recovery of the debt is to be made.

Sd/- Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT-2)

Govt. of Jharkhand
Jharkhand Combined Entrance Competitive Examination Board
Science & Technology Campus, Sirkha Toli, Namkum-Tupudana Road, Namkum, Ranchi – 834010
Website : https://jceceb.jharkhand.gov.in e-mail : jceceboard@gmail.com

Advt. No. :– JCECEB/28/25-116 ,Ranchi/Dated: 24 /10/2025

Indicative information regarding change in Schedule of 3rd (Third) Round of Online Counselling for admission in All India & NRI Quota Seats in B.D.S. & B.H.M.S. courses

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

In compliance of direction issued by Medical Counselling Committee, New Delhi on 23.10.2025 regarding the NEET-UG Schedule-2025 State Counselling, the Board will organise 3rd (Third) Round of Online Counselling for All India and NRI Quota vacant seats in B.D.S. & B.H.M.S. Courses in Vananchal Dental College and Hospital, Garhwa; Devki Mahavir Homeopathic Medical College & Research Hospital, Garhwa under Babu Dinesh Singh University, Garhwa and Laxmi Chandravansi Homeopathic Medical College Hospital & Research Centre, Bishrampur,Palamu of Jharkhand State as per the Modified Schedule Notification.

Detailed information in this regard has been uploaded under "Important Notice" column at **Board's website http://jceceb.jharkhand.gov.in.**

PR 364706 Jharkhand Combined Entrance Competitive Examination Board (25-26)_D

Sd/-
(Megha Bhardwaj, I.A.S.)
Controller of Examination

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NOTICE

Following vehicle are seized and to be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** condition on **11-11-2025**. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website **https://www.baanknet.com.** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.baanknet.com**. It is here by informed that the below mentioned borrowers has availed vehicle loan and failed to repay the same. The details of Borrower/s Guarantor/s Vehicle Details/s/Dues/Reserve Price/Auction date, Time & EMD amount are mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's Guarantor/s/	Description of Vehicle	Branch Name ; Account No. ; Outstanding Dues	Reserve Price ; EMD Amout Contact details
1	**Tirumala Vegetable and Fruits** (Owner Boraiah YG) K Narayanapura Nanjappa Circle Kothanur Post Bangalore 560077	A) Registration Number : **KA04AC2789** B) Engine Number : **275IDI07NPYSF5558** C) Chassis Number : **MAT445075KZN55069** D) Model : **TATA Ace Gold BS IV** E) Make : **TATA** F) Year : **2019** G) Meter Reading : **69803**	BRANCH : **Yeshwantpur** A/c No. : **840872310000090** Outstanding: **3,49,194.34 + upto date interest @ 9.85 % p.a. along with other charges**	Reserve Price : **135000** EMD :**13500** Contact details : **8746081718**
2	**Chetan Kumar HR,** 15 Sri Siddeshwara Nilaya Near Railway Gate Post Office Road Kodigehalli Bangalore 560092	A) Registration Number : **KA03NG6449** B) Engine Number : **G4LALM576340** C) Chassis Number : **MALFC81BLLM100240** D) Model : **Venue 1.2 Kappa MT S** E) Make : **Hyundai Motors Pvt Ltd** F) Year : **2020** G) Meter Reading : **49728**	BRANCH :**Sahakarnagar** A/c No. : **843660510000174** Outstanding: **2,40,391.24 + upto date interest @ 9.20 % p.a. along with other charges**	Reserve Price : **450000** EMD : **45000** Contact details : **7389557309**

Vehicle Inspection - till 11-11-2025, Place: Bank of India HMT Godown Peenya.

Terms & Conditions of Sale: In case any bid is accepted, the successful bidder must deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD already paid) within next working day of the auction date and the balance amount within 7 days, thereof or in the manner prescribed by the bank failing which the amount that have been paid/deposited will be forfeited including the EMD. The Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason. **Date & Time of E-auction: 11-11-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded). At website **https://www.baanknet.com**. The bank holds absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the auction or modify any terms and conditions of the auction without any prior notice assigning any reason.

Date : 24.10.2025 | Place : Bangalore **SD/- MANAGER, BANK OF INDIA**

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Stepping out of a meeting and always taking a minute to say, "Well played, partner".

Bringing cricket into all the wisdom he imparted. Even if you didn't love cricket, you love the man so much, you make the effort to pick up his references.

Love brings us to family. Family mattered to Piyush. While universities are launching studies on work-life balance, this man managed to be there 100% for his work, and 100% for his family. A math only Piyush could pull off.

Laughter was another one of his great loves. Once he thought of a joke, he had to say it. Even if it was in a client meeting. Even if he was meeting that client for the first time. It was a combination of his genius mind and his child-like heart that made his clients fall in love with him for life.

The client's business meant a lot to Piyush and that's why when he said, "Trust me", clients trusted him. When he said, "Give my team a day more", the clients gave us a day more. When he said, "Yeh badhiya banega", (This will be great), there was no question of questioning it.

Ogilvy was his second family. Come to think of it, on some days, it might even have been his first. Every storm we faced, Piyush was standing in front of us. Like a shield? No. Shields can be cracked. He stood in front of us like a dad.

He scolded us like a dad too. A few hours later he would call with a joke. His way of saying, 'I scold you, but I love you'.

Relationships mattered to him. He saw the human in all the people in his life. There were days when you were sitting with him in his home, and he would say, "You will have to wait for tea, because my help has gone to play volleyball". He would share ad films with his staff and ask them if they liked it. This was his research. No modules. No big or small data. Just one human to another. You must know at this point that his staff felt comfortable to say 'no' if they didn't like it.

Piyush's creativity was for every person. The common person was special to him. If his work won an award but his neighbours didn't like it, he wouldn't care for such an award. 'People must love it first', he believed.

India mattered to him, and this showed up in many ways. In his work for sure, but also in his passion for Indian food. Aloo, dal, chole, roti, chawal, and he was a happy man in any corner of the world.

We cannot talk about this man and not talk about his moustache. His moustache entered rooms before he did. When he was in deep thought, his fingers automatically caressed his moustache. A few seconds later, he would say, "Ek kaam karo…". (Do this…). What would follow would be an ingenious solution to a twisted brief or an office issue.

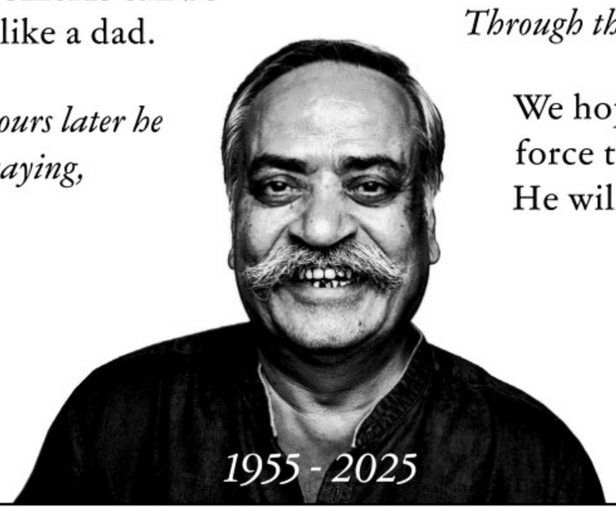
In June 2018, he was the first Asian to win the Lion of St Mark at Cannes Lions, along with his brother, Prasoon Pandey. It was a very important day because it was one of the very few days, Piyush was not wearing his simple shirt! He was dressed in a very formal attire. This must have taken some real convincing because Piyush loved his shirts. He wore them everywhere.

Indian languages and Hindi in particular, were very dear to him. After all, he rose from the 'language department' and won over the world. If he read this, he would be likely to say, "Isko Hindi mein bhi likho. Aur achcha hoga". (Write this in Hindi too. It will be even better.)

Ideas. Laughter. Songs. Writing. Family. Team. Moustache. Hindi. People. Ogilvy.

This is how we want to remember him. Through things that mattered to him.

We hope the heavens are ready for the force that is Piyush Pandey. He will walk in and lead with a joke.



The Ogilvy family stands with Piyush's entire family in this time of grief.

Ogilvy

Man opens fire at son over property dispute

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 60-year-old man, identified as Suresh, allegedly opened fire at his son during a drunken brawl at their house in Maralenahalli on the northeastern outskirts of Bengaluru on Thursday, police said.

Suresh's son, Harish, 28, sustained head injuries and has been admitted to a hospital in Bengaluru. The Doddaballapur Rural Police have detained Suresh for questioning.

The incident occurred around 11 p.m. on Thursday following a brief fight between them over property issues.

"Neighbours and other villagers shifted Harish to a nearby hospital, and he was later taken to Bengaluru. He is currently under medical observation," a police officer overseeing the investigation told *The Hindu*.

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, OCT. 25	
RISE 06:11	SET 17:56
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RISE 06:12	SET 17:55
RISE 10:02	SET 21:27
MONDAY, OCT. 27	
RISE 06:12	SET 17:55
RISE 10:54	SET 22:20

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29°C The weather will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower may occur.

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RPF Mysuru rescues baby within 30 min. of kidnap bid

Under Operation Nanhe Farishte, Railway Protection Force teams across the country have been focusing on tracing and rescuing lost, abandoned, and kidnapped children from railway premises

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BENGALURU

The incident took place near the portico of Mysuru Railway Station.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In a swift and coordinated rescue operation, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) Mysuru under South Western Railway (SWR) prevented an alleged kidnapping attempt and rescued a six-month-old infant within 30 minutes of receiving an alert.

According to SWR officials, the incident took place on October 22 around 5:20 a.m. near the portico of Mysuru Railway Station, where Constable C.M. Nagaraju noticed a woman in distress reporting that her infant was missing. Acting immediately, Mr. Nagaraju alerted Assistant Sub-Inspector Prasi and Inspector Dinesh Kumar, who began a thorough search using CCTV footage installed across the station premises.

According to officials, the surveillance footage showed a woman, aged around 50, carrying a baby toward Platform No. 6 to board Train No. 16206. "Based on this lead, the RPF team swiftly reached the platform and intercepted the woman by 5:50 a.m. The child was rescued unharmed and reunited with his parents soon after," Manjunath Kanamadi, Chief Public Relations Officer, South Western Railway said.

The accused, who is not identified by the SWR, is a resident of Hassan, and was handed over to the Government Railway Police (GRP), Mysuru.

"A case has been registered under Section 137(b) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). She was later produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody," Mr. Kanamadi said.

He further said that the operation exemplifies the efficiency of RPF personnel and the role of CCTV surveillance in ensuring passenger safety.

"The quick action of our staff under Operation Nanhe Farishte once again highlights our commitment to protecting vulnerable passengers and reuniting lost children with their families," he added.

Under Operation Nanhe Farishte, RPF teams across the country have been focusing on tracing and rescuing lost, abandoned, and kidnapped children from railway premises.

"South Western Railway has strengthened security measures with extensive CCTV coverage across its divisions. A total of 2,043 cameras have been installed at 152 stations: 859 in Hubballi Division (63 stations), 586 in Bengaluru Division (27 stations), and 598 in Mysuru Division (62 stations). These systems enable real-time monitoring, faster crime detection, and improved emergency response," another official from SWR said.

'Make Bidadi township land Special Mulberry Zone to produce silk'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Giving a new dimension to the farmers' resistance to acquisition of their lands for Bidadi Township Project, Bengaluru Rural MP C. N. Manjunath on Friday suggested this area should be declared as a Special Mulberry Zone with measures to boost silk production. He made the suggestion at the golden jubilee celebrations of the Central Silk Board - National Silkworm Seed Organisation (CSB-NSSO) in Bengaluru.

The MP said there was a dire need to promote sericulture farming to ensure sustainable incomes.

The authorities should further promote sericulture farming and take measures to double the production in the interest of farmers' sustainability and to bridge the gap between production and demand by setting up Special Mulberry Zones and linking them as a silk corridor, he said. He referred to Bidadi, Ramanagara, and Anekal, among others, as ideal locations for setting up the special zones and silk corridor.

To tide over the shortage of space for township development, he suggested that the government should adopt the Chinese development model of relying on vertical development. Pointing out that rapid silk production was taking place in places near Bengaluru, Dr. Manjunath remarked, "Bengaluru is not just the Silicon Valley of India, but also the Silk Valley of India."

Union Minister of State for MSMEs Shobha Karandlaje, who released the commemorative postal cover on the occasion, stated that despite best efforts, the country was able to touch only 41,000 tonnes of silk production thought the actual requirement was around 45,000 tonnes. Pointing out that the country was importing the remaining quantum of silk from China, she called upon scientists and farmers to take measures for boosting silk production with a focus on quality.

Public can now adopt BBP animals for 5 years

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Under the new animal adoption policy at the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP), the public can adopt specific animals for a period of five years and name selected young animals with no additional naming fee. Under the earlier policy, naming rights required an additional 25% charge on the adoption amount and the adoption was valid for only one year.

"Citizens can adopt an animal for five years and name it with a one-time payment and no additional naming fee. The contribution supports the animal's welfare," BBP said. It added that the name remains throughout the animal's life, adopters will receive an adoption certificate, their name will be displayed near the enclosure, there will be 80G tax exemption on 50% of the adoption amount, and five complimentary entry passes will be given each year for five years to the Zoo, Safari, and Butterfly Park.

How to convert B-Khata to A-Khata

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BENGALURU

The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has released explainers on how to convert B-Khata to A-Khata online. As many as 15 lakh property owners in Bengaluru are expected to benefit from the 100-day campaign by the Karnataka government from November 1.

Under the new system, properties up to 2,000 sq. m will be eligible for conversion.

Owners of larger properties will need to submit CAD drawings and other documents.

The 100-day campaign will begin on November 1, and applicants can register online by paying an application fee of ₹500, after which civic body officials will visit houses to provide their services at the doorstep. Property owners will have to pay 5% of the guidance value as a fee to the government.

The video is available in both Kannada and English on (https://tinyurl.com/v9naynyv and https://tinyurl.com/3xjs6eu8).

Step-by-step process

- Visit official B-Khata to A-Khata portal (https://bbmp.karnataka.gov.in/BtoAKhata).
- Enter mobile number, captcha and generate OTP.
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Freedom Park to get a facelift

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Freedom Park is set for a major facelift, with Central Corporation Commissioner P. Rajendra Cholan directing officials to carry out improvement works covering infrastructure, amenities, and maintenance. During an inspection at Freedom Park on Friday morning, Mr. Cholan instructed officials to upgrade the park's facilities by ensuring adequate lighting, drinking water supply, clean restrooms, well-maintained walking tracks, and robust security arrangements for visitors.

He directed the creation of walking paths for seniorscitizens, women, and children and ordered the establishment of a dedicated kids' play area.

Inspecting the multilevel parking facility adjacent to the park, Mr. Cholan suggested utilising the rooftop space for commercial purposes such as exhibitions and sales to generate additional revenue for the Corporation.

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RE-REVISED TIME SCHEDULE FOR "THIRD ROUND" OF UP NEET UG COUNSELING 2025 (M.B.B.S./B.D.S.)

In accordance with the REVISED schedule issued by the Medical Counseling Committee (MCC), New Delhi for the NEET UG course, the **Re-Revised schedule for the third round of** online counseling for admission to state quota seats in undergraduate courses (MBBS/BDS) in government/ private medical/dental colleges/institutions/medical universities is as follows:-

Sr.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1.	Date of On-line Choice filling	From 17-10-2025 (02:00 PM) To 27-10-2025 (11:00 AM).	10 days
2.	Date of Allotment Result Declaration	On 29-10-2025	01 Day
3.	Date for downloading the allotment letters & Admission	From 30-10-2025 To 01-11-2025 & 03-11-2025 To 05-11-2025	06 Days

- As per the instructions contained in the government order/brochure of UP NEET UG 2025, candidates should assess their eligibility themselves.
- Only those candidates will be eligible for choice filling who have completed the online registration process, whose original documents have been verified online, and who have deposited the required security amount.
- The UP NEET UG 2025 information booklet (brochure) and important instructions are available on the websites **www.upneet.in** and **www.dgme.up.gov.in**, Keep checking websites regularly for updated information.
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Tender Notification

Vijayapura City Corporation invites proposals from interested and eligible contractors for the following works, subject to the terms and conditions stipulated in the tender document, through the KPPP platform. Interested parties are requested to submit their proposals throuth https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/platform by the due date.

Sl No.	Indent Number	Name of Work	Estimate Amount (in Lakhs)	Period
1	DMA/2025-26/ SE6286	Providing Outsource Gardeners for Vijayapura City Corporation	111.00	01 ವರ್ಷ
2	DMA/2025-26/SE6287	Providing Outsource Manpower In SWM Processing Site of Vijayapura City Corporation	146.00	01 ವರ್ಷ
3	DMA/2025-26/SE6288	Animal Birth Control and Anti Rabies Vaccination Of Stray Dogs Programme In City Corporation Vijayapura	82.50	01 ವರ್ಷ
4	DMA/2025-26/SE6289	Providing Outsource Manpower for SWM Related Vehicles In Vijayapura City Corporation	158.00	01 ವರ್ಷ

* Last date for Submission of tender through kppp Date: 11.11.2025, 4:30 pm
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* Financial Bid Opening Date: 14.11.2025 5:00 pm
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Tender is invited by "TheSenior Manager (Materials)" for the following Tenders as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	EMD in Rs.
1	Supply of Sodium Cyanide. **HGML/2025-26/IND0323**	14,42,000/-

Calendar of events: (1) Pre-Bid Meetings (Zoom): **07.11.2025 at 10.00 A.M. (2)** Last date for receipt of tender: **22.11.2025 at 04.00 P.M. (3)** Opening of Technical Bid on: **24.11.2025 at 10.00 A.M.**For further details interested bidders are advised to logon to website **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in KPP Portal.

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E-tenders are invited from eligible/interested organizations to select training institutions to provide training on various programs under the Community Based Training Scheme to the youth of the minority community in the year 2025-26 by the Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation. The tender details are as follows.

Sl. No.	Tender No	Program/ Service Name	Estimated amount (₹. in lakhs)	Last date for submission of tender
1.	KMDCL/2025-26/ SE0014	Industry ready future skills training in IT/ITES sector	264.00	10.11.2025 at 5.30 pm.
2.	KMDCL/2025-26/ SE0015	Remote Pilot Aircraft (Drone Operator) Training	135.00	10.11.2025 at 5.30 pm.
3.	KMDCL/2025-26/ SE0016	VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION (ELEVATOR) TECHNICIAN Training	40.00	10.11.2025 at 5.30 pm.
4.	KMDCL/2025-26/ SE0017	Skill development training In A.Guest Service Associate (Food & Beverage) B. Solar PV Installer Electrical	61.60	10.11.2025 at 5.30 pm.

For details, please visit the website address **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** for details, contact number: 080-22860999, for further information, contact the General Manager, Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation (KMDC), Bangalore.

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NOTIFICATION

Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, under the aegis of Department of Health & Family Welfare is implementing Ayushman Bharath-Arogya Karnataka scheme and other Health Schemes. For the successful implementation of the Schemes, the Trust invites application from suitable candidates for **Empanelment of Executive Doctors (Work from Home) (Preauthorization/Claims/Audit)** on case to case basis. The last date for submission of application is **03.11.2025.**

For details of qualification and experience required, application format and other details log on to website: **https://arogya.karnataka.gov.in/sast/**

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Preparation of Electoral Rolls for Graduates' Constituencies of Karnataka Legislative Council

Notice under rule 31(4)of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960

In pursuance of rule 31(4) of the Registration of Electors Rules. 1960, each of the Electoral Registration Officers of **1) Karnataka West Graduates' Constituency and 2) Karnataka South East Graduates' Constituency,** vide his notice dated 30th September 2025, called upon every person entitled to be registered in the electoral roll of the relevant Graduates' Constituency mentioned above, to send to, or deliver at, his office on or before **06th November 2025** *(i.e. the last date of receipt of applications)* application in Form18 appended to the Registration of Electors Rules,1960 and reproduced in the second schedule of the said notice published in the editions dated **30th September 2025** of **(1) The Times of India 2) The Hindu, 3) Vijaya Karnataka (4) Prajavani** Newspapers.

All the above mentioned persons may submit their applications in **Form 18 on or before 6th Novermber 2025** *(i.e, the last date of receipt of applications),* if not already done.

The said details are also available in the official website of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka at **www.ceo. karnataka.gov.in**

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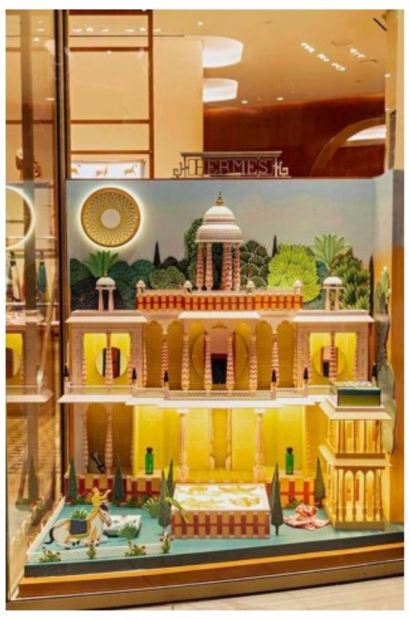
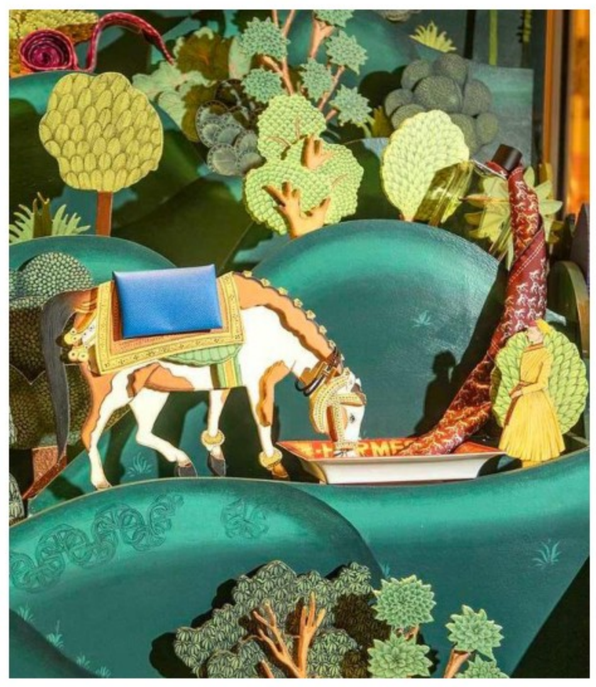
A prince, a parrot and horse walk into Hermès

Lessons from Hermès on window dressing as it elevates miniature art into a luxurious dialogue of craft, narrative, and heritage

Brand engagement in India

From Bijoy Jain's gargantuan snakes and ladders board for Louis Vuitton's men's Spring-Summer 2026 to former Dior women's Creative Director Maria Grazia Chiuri's frequent collaborations with Karishma Swali's Chanakya School of Craft, India's artistic oeuvre is being celebrated by global luxury brands beyond mere tokenism. Of course, there are missteps, such as Prada's toe-braided sandal that shares an uncanny resemblance to the Kolhapuri chappal. But as the next frontier for global luxury brands, India has seen a flurry of activities in the luxury playbook. Take for instance the rise of ambassadors, such as Alia Bhatt for Gucci, Priyanka Chopra Jonas for Bvlgari, and Princess Gauravi Kumari of Jaipur for Jimmy Choo, among others.





Neeti Mehra

As the blinds rise at the Hermès boutique at Jio World Plaza, we are ushered into a magical universe of India's miniature artistry, now rendered in a new, expansive three-dimensional reality. Miniature artist Sukanya Ayde's *A Prince, A Parrot, and A Horse* depicts a beloved tale of friendship, executed playfully yet with artistic precision.

The first window draws you into a lush, deep forest with the three protagonists, and the second window, the opulent palace. The prince, symbolic of royalty and lineage, watches his horse drink from a decorative tray. The stallion, a worthy companion, is a nod to Hermès's equestrian roots, a heritage that began with harness-making in 1837. Perched on a crescent moon is the parrot, a storyteller and the artist's muse.

"It becomes a stage where these characters reflect the Hermès spirit: craft and culture brought to life through dialogue between tradition and modernity, object and narrative, art and storytelling," says Ayde, who started working on Hermès's 2025 theme, 'Drawn to Craft', in January.

Sukanya Ayde and (above) view of the store.

The back story

Hermès's whimsy-infused window displays began by happenstance in the 1930s. A young sales assistant, Annie Beaumel, stepped in to replace the rather decorous window manager who called in sick. She infused a slice of *joie de vivre* in the windows by hanging a saddle upside down, ushering in an age of unrestrained imagination. Beaumel curated ethereal windows, including special ones with artists such as Jean Cocteau, Christian Bérard, and Tsuguharu Foujita, and occasionally, provocative displays that included real horse droppings for sparrows to feast on. As Hermès's global footprint stretched across the globe, its collaborations with local artists bloomed. With India emerging as the epicentre of global luxury, the maison has, over the years, commissioned women artists Sumakshi Singh, Aradhana Seth, sister duo Aashika and Tanishaa Cunha, Yashika Sugandh, and now Ayde to create remarkable window displays for their boutiques in India.

Bringing the artwork to life required several iterations, adds Ayde, arriving at something that felt both true to her work and aligned with Hermès.

"This shift from 2D to 3D was a different journey for me, one that challenged how I think about scale, perspective, and movement," she says.

When someone pauses before these windows, what feelings does Ayde hope they carry back with them?

"I hope to take them on a journey of discovery, where they notice the intricate detailing unfolding amidst lush foliage, flowering plants, and tranquil water features," she says. Perhaps it will transport them to a place of reflection, beauty, and calm amongst the chaos of everyday life.

A Prince, A Parrot, and A Horse will be on display till January 15, 2026, at the Hermès Jio World Plaza store.

The writer is a sustainability consultant and founder of Beejliving, a lifestyle platform dedicated to slow living.

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City air quality improves by 44% during Deepavali

The Hindu Bureau
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The air quality in Bengaluru during Deepavali festivities from October 20 to 22 has improved by 44% compared to the previous year.

According to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's (KSPCB) Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAQMS) data, the average Air Quality Index (AQI) during the three days was 83 compared to 120 in 2024, with a 44% drop in air pollution.

Of the 11 monitoring stations in the city, only Saneguruvanahalli saw an increase in AQI compared to the previous year. The station this year recorded an AQI of 84 compared to 82 last year, an increase of 2%. The Hebbal station recorded an AQI of 66 this year, compared to 185 last year, witnessing a 179% decrease. Similarly NIMHANS, Jigani, and Peenya stations also saw a drop of 62%, 60%, and 59% respectively.

Interesting trend

The AQI data of pre-Deepavali versus Deepavali days also showed an interesting trend. While the AQI on pre-Deepavali day (October 13) was 93, the three-day average AQI for October 20 to 22 was 88 with an improvement of 5%.

On the first day of the festivities on October 20, the average AQI was 77 and on the second day, it went up to 94 – an 18% increase. The third day (October 22) saw a drop of 31%, with the AQI being 72. In the remaining 28 monitoring stations across the State, the average AQI this year was 56 compared to 73 last year with an improvement of 29%.

In Bidar, the AQI increased by 38%, Belagavi by 11%, Bagalkot by 9%, and Kodagu by 4%. Davangere and Mysuru saw an improvement of 123% and 122% respectively, compared to last year.

Awareness

A KSPCB official attributed the improvement in air quality to awareness about sale and bursting of green fire crackers.

"A major contributor was rain. Due to the presence of moisture in the atmosphere, the pollution level was low. Besides, bursting fire crackers alone does not contribute to air pollution. During the three days of festivities, the vehicular movement within the city limits was also less," the official added.

High noise levels

Though the air quality in Bengaluru saw an improvement during the festivities, the noise level was quite high due to bursting of crackers.

According to the ambient noise monitoring data from the manual ambient noise monitoring stations at Sarjapur in Bengaluru, the average noise level was 90.4 decibel (dB) during the three days, with an increase of 11% compared to pre-Deepavali figures. In Peenya and Yelahanka, the noise level was 72.88 dB and 79.72 dB respectively, with an increase of 42% and 24% respectively.

Couple from Gadag die in accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two people were killed in an accident involving a lorry and a car near T. Begur on the northern outskirts of Bengaluru on Friday.

The deceased have been identified as Shivanagouda Patil, 63, and Pramila, 52. Patil and his wife, Pramila, were residents of Rona in Gadag district. Three other occupants of the multi-utility vehicle sustained injuries, one of whom was in critical condition. Preliminary probe revealed that the vehicle was driven by Sunil, a driver. Patil, Pramila, Poovamma, and Basavaraj were travelling in the car, and they were on their way to a hospital in the city for Poovamma's heart check-up, as she had recently undergone surgery. Poovamma is Pramila's mother. Sunil was reportedly driving at high speed when the car crashed into the rear of a stationary lorry that was parked after it ran out of fuel. Patil and Pramila suffered severe head injuries, and they died on the spot. Poovamma also sustained head injuries, the police said.

"The family left their home on Thursday and intended to meet the doctor on Friday," the police said.

The Nelamangala Traffic Police rushed to the spot and shifted the bodies. The police have registered a case against both Sunil and the lorry driver under Section 281 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for rash and negligent driving.

36 'drunk' school vehicle drivers caught

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a special two-hour drive, the West Division Traffic Police on Friday caught 36 drivers allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol, within two hours on Friday morning. Of the 5,881 drivers checked for alcohol consumption, the test found 36 drivers positive, a release said. The drivers were prosecuted under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, and their licences were sent to regional transport offices for suspension. Action has been taken to issue notices to the school managements, officials said.

PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, KOPPAL
Office of the Executive Engineer, Jawahar Road, Koppal - 583 231,
E-mail : eepredkpl@gmail.com

No. : E.E./P.R.E.D./DN/KPL//DB/TENDER/2025-26/1796 Date : 24-10-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, **Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Koppal,** invites item rates tender through **KPPP One / Two Cover Systems**, from eligible PWD and PRE Department registered contractors through Standard Bid Document KW - 1, 2, 3 & 4, under head of account 2024-25 KKRDB, in Different Talukas of Koppal District. This Scheme is fully funded by the Government of Karnataka. For more information contact above the office. Eligible contractors participate online by entering into **KPPP Portal : http//kppp. karnataka.gov.in** portal.

Works Details : 1) Koppal Constituency Govt Polytechnic Koppal Supply of Goods 14065/Call-3, Rs. 155.76 Lakhs, 2) Supply of Goods in Different Schools In Kushatgi Taluk. Indent No. : 10010/Call-2, Rs. 109.35 Lakhs.

1) Tender Processing Fees : As per E-Procurement, 2) Download of Schedule-B in E-proc Portal From : 27-10-2025 time after 10.00 a.m. upto 06-11-2025 time 16.00 Hours. 3) Tender Receipt Last Dates From : 27-10-2025 time 11.00 a.m. upto 06-11-2025 time 16.30 hrs, Technical Bid Open Date and time (Both Technical & Financial Bids are Opened as same date for KW-1 & KW-2, KW-3 Works) : 07-11-2025 in Office hours, 4) Financial Bid Open Date and time For KW-4 After getting Technical approval from Competent Authority, Bid will be Opened.

General instructions : 1) Contractors participate in all tenders online only, **2)** Pre-qualification documents should be uploaded by scanning all certificates & other concerned documents online only, **3)** Pre-requisite EMD have to be pay online as per mentioned in Eproc-portal.

For more information, contractors need to consult to below signed official, officer, contractors may get the information by going through. **http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal. This notified works can be downloaded in **http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal from Dated : 27-10-2025.**

Note : The undersigned reserves the right to accept any or reject any of the tenders at any stage without assigning the reasons.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.R.E. Division, Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/409/Manipal/2025-26

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No. : E.E./P.R.E.D./DN/KPL//DB/TENDER/2025-26/1797 Date : 24-10-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

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1) Construction of Road from Bevinal Village to Mylapura Old Road in Kanakagiri Taluk of Koppal District. RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT16967/Call-2, APT : Rs. 12080998.36, EMD : 181500.00, Period : 06 Months, 2) Construction of Road from K. Mallapur to Gudur Village Road in Kanakagiri Taluk of Koppal District. RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT16966/Call-2, APT : Rs. 16102078.63, EMD : 242000.00, Period : 06 Months, 3) Construction of Road from Bankapur to Muslapur Main Road in Kanakagiri Taluk of Koppal District. VR-127 RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT17616/Call-2, APT - Rs. 22500162.21, EMD : 338000.00, Period : 06 Months, 4) a) Construction of CC Road & Drain in SC Colony in Tallur Tanda + Tallur in Yelburga Taluk, b) Construction of CC Road & Drain in SC Colony in Chikkoppa Tanda in Yelburga Taluk. APT - Rs. 63.16 Lakhs, EMD : 79000.00, Period : 06 Months. Package. SCP, 5) Construction of CC Road & Drain in ST Colony in Basapur in Yelburga Taluk. APT - Rs. 21.05 Lakhs, EMD : 26500.00, Period : 03 Months TSP, 6) Construction of CC Road & Drain in SC Colony in Balutagi in Yelburga Taluk. APT - Rs. 84.12 Lakhs, EMD : 105200.00, Period : 06 Months. SCP.

1) Tender Processing Fees : As per E-Procurement, 2) Download of Schedule-B in Eproc Portal From : 27-10-2025 time after 10.00 a.m. upto 06-11-2025 time 16.00 Hours. 3) Tender Receipt Last Dates From : 27-10-2025 time 11.00 a.m. upto 06-11-2025 time 16.30 hrs, Technical Bid Open Date and time (Both Technical & Financial Bids are Opened as same Date for KW-1 & KW-2, KW-3, Works) : 07-11-2025 in Office hours, 4) Financial Bid Open Date and time For KW-4 After getting Technical approval from competent authority, bid will be Opened.

General instructions : 1) Contractors participate in all tenders online only, **2)** Pre-qualification documents should be uploaded by scanning all certificates & other concerned documents online only, **3)** Pre-requisite EMD have to be pay online as per mentioned in Eproc-portal.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.R.E. Division, Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/407/Manipal/2025-26

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.
O/o CE(fuel), 6th Floor, hall no. 2, LIC Jeevandeep Building, Lalkothi, Jaipur

E-TENDER NOTICE : TN-11(RVU2526GLOB01450)

E-Tenders are invited by RVUN for Annual Rate Contract for procurement of LDO for various power plants of RVUN (KTPS, Kota/ STPS-O&M, Suratgarh/ STPS-SC, Suratgarh/ CTPP-O&M, Chhabra/ CTPP-SC, Chhabra/ KATPP, Jhalawar). Tender details are available on **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** (for e-tender), **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**

Raj.Samwad/C/25/12579 RVUN/PR-4287 Dy. Chief Engineer (Fuel)

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL,
No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

No:EE:KNNL/No.4/BDVT/TA/ PB-1/Man power supply/ Tender Notification No. 08/2025-26 Dated: 23.10.2025

Short Term Tender Notification-Call-2
(Through KPP Portal only)

Percentage Tenders by e-procurement portal in the prescribed form is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from the eligible Contractors. Tender for the works of Head of Account 2700 Bhadra works. The No. of work is 02. The approximate cost of amount put to tender is **Rs.61.94 lakhs to Rs.140.80 Lakhs.** The amount of EMD is **Rs.1,24,000/- to Rs.2,11,200/-** (by kpp-portal) contactors can access and submission of completed e-tendering documents from **24.10.2025 to 04.11.2025 upto 17.30 hours** in the website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Pre Bid meeting will be held on **29.10.2025 @ 11.00 Hrs** at O/o Executive Engineer, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi (For Sl No.02). Technical Bid will be opened on **05.11.2025 at 17.30 hours.** After obtaining approval of technical bid from competent authority, the financial bid will be opened. For more conditions and details visit website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** OR at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No. 8660573513

Sd/-
Executive Engineer. KNNL,
No.4, BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

DIPR/SMG/No-105-10/zenkar/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client **M/s. KALASHA ASSET PVT. LTD** an incorporated company having its registered office at No. 28/2, 3rd Floor, KV Arcade, E Block, Sahakarnagar, Bangalore-560092 duly represented by its director Mr. Goutam KV intend to purchase the Schedule Property bearing Survey No 38, Neelari Village, Kasaba Hobali, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural district measuring 2 Acers 09 Guntas including 14 Guntas of Phot A Karab from the recorded owners, Kathedars, their legal heirs and successors.

Any person/s and or entity/ies having any claim, right, title or interest or any objections in the said property is/are required to lodge the same with the undersigned along with documentary evidence **within 15 days** from the date of this notice, failing which my client and/or its authorized nominee (s) shall proceed with the transaction free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Survey No 38, Neelari Village, Kasaba Hobali, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural district measuring 2 Acers 09 Guntas including 14 Guntas of Phot A Karab and bounded by:

On the North : Survey No. 39/1 of Neeleri village
On the South : Survey No. 2 of Gullobanahalli village
On East : Survey No. 39/2 of Neeleri village
On the West : Survey No. 39/1 of Neeleri village

Sd/-. S. K. Prabhakar Shetty & Associates (Advocate),
156, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main Road,
Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020.
Ph: 9343640080 / 8618194909.

Place : Bengaluru,
Dated: 25-10-2025

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಮಂಡ್ಯ
(ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ಇಲಾಖೆ)
ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಮಂಡ್ಯ
ಸಂ:ತಾಂ2:ರೇಉನಿ:ಜಿಪಂ:ಇ–ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ:ಸೋಂನಿ:01:2025–26
ದಿ:21.10.2025.

ಕೋರಿಜೆಂಡಮ್

Tender Ref NO. SD/2025-26/IND0112 ದಿ:04.10.20250 E-Procurement ವೈಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿರುವವರ ಕೋರಿಕೆಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಸದರಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು Last date & Time for submission of tender Dt.27-10-2025 at 05.00 PM ವರೆಗೆ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್,
ಮಂಡ್ಯ

ಪಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಸಸಿ–ಮಂ/ಕೆಎಸ್.ಎಂಸಿ&ಎ/480'ಎ'/2025–26

ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ (ಉ.ಕ)
ಸಂ:ಪಪಂಹೊ:ಕಾವಿ:ಅ.ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ:ವಿವ:2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23/10/2025

ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾನೂನು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ–2000 ರಂತೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಸೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಗೃಹಭಾಗ್ಯ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆಯಾದ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ವಸತಿಗೃಹ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ **(DMA/2025-26/BD/Work_Indent 45112) KW-3** ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಐಟಂವಾರು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಕ್ನಿಕಲ್ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **10/11/2025** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ **4.00** ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಟೆಕ್ನಿಕಲ್ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **11/11/2025** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ **5.00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಫೈನಾನ್ಸಿಯಲ್ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **17/11/2025** ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ **11.00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗಿರುವ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ, ಟೆಂಡರ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **www.honnavaratown.mrc.gov.in** ನಿಂದ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ, ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ

ಸಹಿ/– ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು
ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ, ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/644/25-26 Dt. 24.10.25

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka,
Nirvachana Nilaya, Sheshadri Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

Preparation of Electoral Rolls for Teachers' Constituencies of Karnataka Legislative Council

Notice under rule 31(4)of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960

In pursuance of rule 31(4) of the Registration of Electors Rules. 1960, each of the Electoral Registration Officers of **1) Bangalore Teachers' Constituency 2) Karnataka North-East Teachers' Constituency,** vide his notice dated **30th September 2025,** called upon every person entitled to be registered in the electoral roll of the relevant Teachers' constituency mentioned above, to send to, or deliver at, his office on or before **06th November 2025** (i.e. the last date of receipt of applications) application in Form19 appended to the Registration of Electors Rules,1960 and reproduced in the second schedule of the said notice published in the editions dated 30th September 2025 of **(1) The Times of India 2) The Hindu, 3) Vijaya Karnataka, (4) Prajavani Newspapers.**

All the above mentioned persons may submit their applications in **Form 19 on or before 6th Novermber 2025** (i.e, the last date of receipt of applications), if not already done.

The said details are also available in the official website of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka at **www.ceo. karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/JA/3403/2025-26

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
(www.kpwd.gov.in)

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ನಂ.2, ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ,
ಲೋ.ಇ. ಪೂರಕ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು. ದೂ: 080 22220227
E-Portal : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 10/2025–26
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23–10–2025

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ನಂ2 ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ–2000ರನ್ವಯ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–1 & ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–2 ನಿಯಮಗಳಂತೆ ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01 ರಿಂದ 15ನೇ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ವಸತಿಗೃಹಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)** ಪಿಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸಿಂಗ್ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇಎಂಡಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
1. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೌಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **23.10.2025** ರಿಂದ **01.11.2025** ಸಂಜೆ **4.30** ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.
2. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **01.11.2025** ಸಂಜೆ **4.30** ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.
3. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **03.11.2025** ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ **4.30** ಕ್ಕೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)** ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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e-Procurement Notice for Procurement of Laboratory equipments

Tender Notice No.2149 Date: 24.10.2025

Identification No.OSIC/RE Cell/2025-26/006

(A) 1. Name of the work

Establishment of laboratory for Solvent Extraction Plant (Rice Bran) at Common Facility Center (CFC) in Rice Milling Cluster at IIDC, Somnathpur, Balasore, Odisha.

1. Total No. of works : One
2. Tender paper Cost : Rs.6000/-+ GST 18% = Rs.7,080/-
3. Period of completion : Two (2) calendar months.
4. EMD Cost : Rs.1.10,000/-.
5. ISD Cost : 5% of the agreement value
6) Other details :

Procurement Online	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender on-line for bidding From	To	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O MD, OSIC Ltd., Cuttack
M.D., OSIC Ltd., Cuttack.	006 of 2025-26	27.10.2025 At 5:00 P.M.	17.11.2025 Up to 5:00 P.M.	18.11.2025 at 3:30 P.M.

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in/ www.osicltd.in

Any amendment corrigendum, cancellation or re-tender may please be referred to the website.

Sd/-
Dy. General Manager (I/C),
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OSIC Ltd., Cuttack.

CAD-2098: OIPR-14073/11/0058/2526

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT KSHIP
KARNATAKA STATE HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
Project Implementation Unit, KR Circle, Bengaluru-560 001

No.Industrial Corridor/Package-2/IE/2025-26/14 Date: 21.10.2025

EOI Notification

Vide Indent No: **KSHIP/2025-26/PREQUAL_TENDERNUMBER_1** for the work Selection of Independent Engineer services for the project of Construction of Four Lane Road from Hoskote to Malur and Elevated Corridor upto Malur Industrial area for a length of 25.615 km in the state of Karnataka on PPP-DBFOMT-Hybrid Annuity Mode", EOI is invited in the KPP portal on **23.10.2025.** For more information, please visit KPP website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Project Director
KSHIP, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3409/CCL/2025-26

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagalur.

Short-Term Tender Notice No.: 19/2025-26 Date: 24.10.2025

In the Tender Notice seen above Tender is invited from eligible contractors for total 05 works through KPP Portal under Head of Account: 3054-04-337-1-10-200 Maintenance of District Main Roads, 3054-03-337-0-05-200 Annual Maintenance of District State Highway Roads, 5054-04-337-0-01-154 District and other Roads - Improvements, related to Sub divisions of Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-2, 3 & 4) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Minimum Approx. Amount Rs. 20.00 lakhs and Maximum Approx. Amount Rs. 105.00 lakhs. For Tender to be submitted through KPP Portal for 05 works (Indent No. 28278 on 03.11.2025, Indent No. 27742 on 04.11.2025, Indent No.23169 (2nd Call), 27928 on 10.11.2025, Indent No. 23168 on 15.11.2025) tender should be submitted within 4.30 PM. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagalur.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department. Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal. Phone & Fax No : 08539-220054 email: eemidnkst@rediffmail.com

No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2025-26/3522
Dated: 23.10.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal district invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents KW-2 & KW-3 on KPP portal for 09 no. of tender works pertaining to Koppal district & Raichur district The Approximate amount for the mentioned works Ranges between Rs.35.00 Lakhs to 70.00 Lakhs. Two cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **27-10-2025**. Last date & time for receipt of tender is **05-11-2025** time 17.30 hours, Pre bid meeting will be held on **03-11-2025**, 11.00 Hours at division office koppal, Date & time for opening of technical bid **07-11-2025** time 11.00 hours, date and time for opening of financial bid **10-11-2025** time 11.00 hours (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/405/KSMCA/2025-26

Bengaluru-Hyderabad travellers demand better train connectivity

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the horrific bus fire accident at Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh that claimed at least 19 lives and left several others injured on Friday, passengers travelling between Hyderabad and Bengaluru are calling for safer and more reliable alternatives, particularly better train connectivity and more convenient flight options.

Currently, 28 trains operate between the two capitals on different days and timings, including the Yesvantpur-Kacheguda Vande Bharat Express, according to railway officials.

However, regular commuters said the existing train services are inadequate, especially for those who prefer overnight journeys or need to reach Bengaluru early in the morning for work.

"Bengaluru and Hyderabad are among the country's major cities, yet the railway connectivity between them has been ignored," said Prashanth Prabhu, a regular commuter from K.R. Puram.

'Unnecessary diversion'

"Railways should ensure proper and frequent trains between the two cities. A comfortable overnight train like the Karnataka Sampark Kranti Express, was unnecessarily diverted, stretching the journey to nearly 19 hours. At present, only two proper overnight trains operate between Bengaluru and Hyderabad, and one of them is inexplicably curtailed to Yelahanka," Mr. Prabhu added. The recent temporary suspension of the Yesvantpur-Kacheguda Vande Bharat Express on Fridays had also sparked concern among frequent travellers, especially those commuting for weekend work or personal trips. The service was later reinstated by the Railway following passenger demand.

Flights

Meanwhile, while numerous flights operate daily between the two cities, the convenience factor remains a challenge for many.

Though the flight duration is around one hour and twenty minutes, the overall travel time, including the commute to Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport can stretch to more than three hours, including check-in time.

Ravi Prasad, another regular commuter from Whitefield, said, "The problem with flights is not the flying time but the time it takes to get to the airport. It takes nearly two hours just to reach Bengaluru airport, and when you add check-in and security, it becomes a stressful and expensive affair. Trains are more comfortable and affordable for most travellers. Even buses, particularly KSRTC's AC sleeper coaches, offer a better overnight option as they're cheaper than flights and reasonably comfortable for a nine-hour journey."

Survivors recall the night the bus turned into an inferno

Passengers broke windows and made a daring escape; several of them died before they could react to the situation and were charred beyond recognition

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

"I was thinking about how my job interview would go when suddenly there was a loud noise and within seconds, the bus was filled with smoke," recalled Jayasurya B., a resident of Hyderabad who survived the tragic Bengaluru-bound bus fire that claimed 20 lives early Friday morning.

Mr. Jayasurya, who had boarded the bus from Moosapet Y. Junction on Thursday night to attend an interview at a top IT firm in Bengaluru on Saturday, said the fire spread around 2.45 a.m.

Frequent travellers

"People were shouting. Around three people joined, and we broke the glass. I jumped from nearly 15 feet, and my legs are fractured, but doctors said I will be fine soon," he said.

Preliminary investigation suggested that the private sleeper bus, travelling from Hyderabad to Bengaluru, caught fire near Kurnool after colliding with a motorbike. Several passengers died before they could react to the situation and were charred beyond recognition. The bus was reduced to a metal shell, recalled survivors, while speaking to *The Hindu*. Among others onboard was Punupatti Keerthi, a 28-year-old software engineer with an MNC in Bengaluru, who frequently travelled between Hyderabad and Bengaluru for work. Her brother, Narendra, recalled that she could not remember how the fire even began. "She woke up to flames and people trying to break the exits. She left everything behind and ran out. She's safe and resting now," Mr. Narendra said. Aswin Reddy, 36, a private firm employee in Bengaluru, recalled, "When I woke up and saw flames on the window side. I immediately shouted to the driver, but the fire spread rapidly. We tried to break open the windows to get out. About 20 people managed to escape, but the others couldn't." He said that he had alerted the driver as soon as he noticed the fire, but the fire engulfed the bus within minutes. "The heat was unbearable, and smoke filled every corner. While some managed to get out, many remained trapped inside with children," he said.

A survivor undergoing treatment at a hospital in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, on Friday.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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> IT professional

Deepavali

Siva G., an IT professional originally from Bengaluru and working in Hyderabad, said he had planned to visit home for Deepavali but could not and hence planned to visit now. "I was asleep when I suddenly heard people trying to break the windows. I couldn't believe what was happening. There was smoke all around," he said, adding that everyone was caught between shattered glass and the flames.

Tragedy strikes again 12 years after 2013 horrific bus accident

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The speed of KSRTC's ordinary and express services is limited to 70 kmph, while on premium services it is capped at 90 kmph, says a Transport Department official

Twelve years after a horrific bus fire on the Bengaluru-Hyderabad National Highway that claimed 45 lives, tragedy struck again in the early hours of Friday when 19 passengers were charred to death and several others injured after a luxury private bus travelling from Hyderabad to Bengaluru caught fire in Kurnool district.

Safety lapses

The incident has once again drawn attention to the safety lapses in long-distance private bus operations.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy, recalling the 2013 incident, said several safety measures were introduced then to prevent such accidents.

"During my earlier tenure as Transport Minister in 2013, I directed all Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) to ensure that both private and State-run buses are equipped with an additional emergency exit apart from the main door to facilitate quick evacuation during emergencies," he said. Mr. Reddy noted that the decision proved crucial as most luxury AC sleeper buses had sealed windows, leaving passengers trapped during accidents. "After that directive, around 50,000 buses across Karnataka, including those operated by KSRTC and private companies, were retrofitted with extra emergency doors," he explained. A senior Transport Department official said that speed restrictions were also enforced to enhance passenger safety. "The KSRTC's ordinary and express services are limited to 70 kmph, while premium services are capped at 90 kmph. Drivers are instructed to keep to the two left lanes on highways, allowing faster vehicles to overtake safely," the official added.

The official further recalled that awareness initiatives were also introduced following the 2013 tragedy. "We had instructed both government and private operators to play short video clips about the location and use of emergency exits before every journey. At that time, most premium buses had television screens that were used to play movies, so the clips were shown before departure. However, with passengers now mostly using their mobile phones, operators gradually discontinued these safety videos," he said.

Meanwhile, the tragic incident has also brought attention on the Bengaluru-Hyderabad highway, a crucial but increasingly congested corridor.

Most passengers likely to be tech employees

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

The passenger list of the Vemuri Kaveri Travels showed that the drop-off points of most travellers were along the Bengaluru's IT corridor, suggesting many of the deceased and injured were likely tech employees returning after Deepavali holidays.

According to the list, 36 of the 41 passengers were to alight at points along the IT corridor, such as Hebbal, Esteem Mall, Hennur, Kalyan Nagar, Tin Factory, Mahadevapura, Marathahalli, Bellandur, HSR Layout, Silk Board junction, Electronics City, and Bommasandra.

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Victims Anusha Reddy and G. Dhathri, who were software engineers working in Bengaluru, were to alight at Marathahalli Multiplex and Tin Factory respectively. A family of four - Golla Ramesh, his wife Anusha, and two children - who were to alight at Kalyan Nagar, were also among the deceased.

Majority of the passengers were youngsters and most of them in their 20s and 30s.

Call for urgent action

In the wake of the tragedy, the Greater Bengaluru IT Companies and Industries' Association (GBITCIA) called for urgent action by transport authorities and service providers to ensure the highest safety standards for all intercity commuters and to implement measures preventing such incidents in the future.

"We remain committed to providing all possible assistance to the affected families and providing coordination between our member companies, local administration, and emergency services. We reaffirm our commitment to advocacy for safer travel and working environments for all IT professionals along the corridor," said a statement from the GBITCIA.

Imminent need to overhaul Karnataka Cooperative Societies Act: High Court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that "numerous incongruities pervade the Karnataka Cooperative Societies (KCS) Act, 1959 and the KCS Rules, 1960", the High Court of Karnataka has said that there is an imminent need to overhaul this law, which has become "a patchwork of a series of piecemeal amendments over the decades and no longer suited to the modern socio-economic environment".

Pointing out that disputes relating to membership, disqualification, voter eligibility, appointment of administrators, and surcharge proceedings have time and again required judicial intervention in a large number of litigations to harmonise contradictory provisions of the KCS Act and the Rules, the court said recurring litigation indicated a systemic defect in the legislative framework itself. Justice Suraj Govindaraj made these observations while dealing with voter list and other issues related to holding elections to a multi-purpose primary rural agricultural cooperative society, Idagundi in Yellapur taluk of Uttara Kannada district.

The court also requested the Karnataka State Law Commission to look into the issue and take appropriate action

"The courts have attempted to apply the principle of harmonious construction in resolving the issues under this law, but where reconciliation itself becomes impossible, legislative reform is the only viable solution," the court said.

"It is therefore my considered opinion that a comprehensive overhaul of the statute is urgently required. Much like The Income-Tax Act, 1961 is being replaced by the Income-Tax Act, 2025... on account of the I-T Act, 1961 having been amended over 65 times in six decades had become overly complex," observed Justice Govindaraj.

As the new I-T law, which largely retains existing tax principles, aims to simplify the text and remove redundant provisions to reduce litigation and make compliance easier for taxpayers, a new, consolidated KCS Act for Karnataka is required to replace the current legislation, the court emphasised.

"Just as the Companies Act was comprehensively revamped to address contemporary requirements, a modernised co-operative law must be framed to ensure efficiency, transparency, and alignment with constitutional principles of cooperative autonomy. Without such reform, cooperatives will remain entangled in unproductive litigation, stifling their true purpose of empowering members economically and socially," the court observed.

Many areas of conflict

The areas of conflict in the KCS Act and the Rules are manifold, like membership rights and disqualification, preparation of voter lists, conduct of elections, appointment of administrators, jurisdictional overlaps, surcharge proceedings, and audit obligations, the court said while pointing out that many provisions have been rendered otiose by technological and socio-economic changes. The court also requested the Karnataka State Law Commission to look into the issue and take appropriate action.

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Follow party discipline, says DKS as MLAs seek action against Yathindra

KPCC chief says he will 'speak to the people concerned' about the remarks of the Chief Minister's son; sources in the Congress point out that high command has collected information from KPCC about Yathindra's utterances on leadership

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar on Friday broke his silence on Congress MLC Yathindra Siddaramaiah's remark on the change of leadership and said all party leaders should follow the party discipline, and he would take up the matter with the leaders concerned.

When reporters sought his reaction on some MLAs' demand for issuing a disciplinary notice to Dr. Yahtindra, Mr. Shivakumar said, "Party discipline is the priority." He further

D.K. Shivakumar

said he would "speak to people concerned" about the Chief Minister's son's remark that Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi could take over the leadership mantle as his father was at the fag end of his political life. Mr. Jarkiholi had, in turn, sought to clarify that Dr. Yathindra had spoken about only an "ideological successor" to the Chief Minister and not a political successor.

Meanwhile, sources in the Congress said the party high command had collected information from the KPCC about Dr. Yathindra's public utterances on leadership during the last 3 to 4 months.

DKS's loyalists

To counter the Chief Minister's camp, MLAs who are loyal to Mr .Shivakumar have sought disciplinary action against Dr. Yathindra.

Ramanagara MLA Iqbal Hussain, Chennagiri MLA Shivaganga Basavaraj and Sagar MLA Beluru Gopalakrishna have demanded the intervention of the party high command to warn Dr. Yathindra, whose remark has apparently embarrassed the party.

Mr. Shivaganga Basavaraj said, "I have been given a notice for my remarks regarding the Chief Minister's post. The party should take the statement made by Dr. Yathindra, who is also the Chief Minister's son, seriously. Appropriate action should be taken against him."

Mr. Gopalakrishna said the high command needs to intervene and issue a notice to the MLC for his "unnecessary remarks", which dented the image of the party.

Kunigal MLA H.D. Ranganath said legislators should refrain from issuing controversial statements on the issue of leadership. Instead, they should focus on providing benefits of the government's schemes to the poor, he said.

Meanwhile, Rajendra Rajanna, son of former minister K.N. Rajanna, predicted changes would take place in the State politics after elections in Bihar. He also maintained that party MLAs' support was needed to become the Chief Minister and the high command cannot push its own candidate.

RSS route march: HC tells Kalaburagi authorities to hold meetings on Oct. 28

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka.

Orally observing that the issue over granting permission to Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to conduct *patha sanchalana* (route march) in Chittapur "should not be prolonged and an early resolution of the issue is better for the society," the High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the Kalaburagi district administration to hold its proposed meetings, with RSS and other organisations, on October 28, and submit a report to the court.

Justice M.G.S. Kamal issued the direction after the district administration, acting on the court's October 19 order, submitted a report indicating that it has kept the decision, on RSS' plea to hold route march on November 2, pending in view of tense situation prevailing in Chittapur town and taluk from October 19, the date on which the RSS had originally planned to hold march in the town.

The court passed the order while hearing a petition filed by Ashok Patil, convener of the RSS route march, Chittapur, who had challenged Chittapur tahsildar's decision of rejecting permission for October 19 route march citing that two other organisations had also sought permission for holding rally on the same day, time and area.

While directing the petitioner also to cooperate with authorities in taking appropriate decision in the matter, keeping in mind the situation in the Chittapur town and taluk area, the court adjourned further hearing till October 30 awaiting report on the meeting to be held on October 28.

What report stated

The court, from the report, noted that "there exists some kind of tension in Chittapur town and across the taluk between various organisation regarding the grant of permission for conducting pathasanchalana/ assembly.

"Due to various organisations giving statements in favour and against such pathasanchalana/assembly, in the print, electronic and social media, a turbulent atmosphere has been created and the local environment has been vitiated by social media posts, and if permission is given for such pathasanchalana/procession/march-past/ assembly, there is a possibility that a large number of people may gather resulting in disruption of law and order and emergence of public disorder which is founded on reasonable material..," the court recorded from the report.

The court also noted that it has been pointed out in the report that "in order to preserve public law and order and public peace, it was deemed appropriate by the district administration to consider the RSS's plea on a future date when the situation on ground normalises and the environment becomes more conducive after speaking to all organisers and have peace committee meetings with citizens within a couple of weeks."

What A-G said

Earlier, appearing for the district administration, State Advocate-General Shashi Kiran Shetty said that plea of RSS was not declined nor rejected, and it is still under consideration in the light of the reports received by the local authorities with regard to law and order, and issue would be resolved after holding meetings.

However, senior advocate Aruna Shyam M., appearing for counsel for petitioner through video conference, insisted that the authorities should ensure that the petitioner and his organisation conduct their route march and incidental events on November 2 and not to postpone beyond said date as they have changed the date of route march in response to court's earlier suggestion.

Govt. clears investment proposals of ₹27,607.26 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 66th meeting of the State High-Level Clearance Committee, chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, on Friday approved 13 proposals with a total investment of ₹27,607.26 crore. The projects are expected to generate around 8,704 direct jobs.

The approvals included 11 new investment proposals and two additional investment proposals, according to Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil.

While the new proposals involve an investment of ₹27,228.51 crore, the expansion proposals account for ₹378.75 crore.

The new investment proposals included, Vayu

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K.Shivakumar at the 66th meeting of the State High Level Approval Committee , in Bengaluru on Friday.

Assets Private Limited: ₹1,251 crore (1,912 jobs); Tejas Networks Limited: ₹542.19 crore (1,312 jobs); Reliance Consumer Products Limited: ₹1,622 crore (1,200 jobs); JSW JFE Electrical Steel Private Limited: ₹7,102 crore (900 jobs); HSS Textile Private Limited: ₹740 crore (800 jobs); SFX India Mfg Private Limited: ₹9,298 crore (806 jobs); Schneider Electric IT Business India Private Limited: ₹1,520.75 crore (550 jobs); Toyota Industries Engine India Private Limited: ₹1,330 crore (550 jobs); JSW Steel Limited: ₹1,300.57 crore (271 jobs); Grasim Industries Limited: ₹1,386 crore (203 jobs); QPIAI India Private Limited: ₹1,136 crore (200 jobs).

The additional investment proposals are from Embassy Industrial Park (₹80 crore) and Balaji Wafers Private Limited (₹298.75 crore), totalling ₹ 378.75 crore.

Deputy CMhief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Energy Minister K.J. George, IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge, Higher Education Minister M. C. Sudhakar, and others were present.

Anganwadi workers' union seeks gratuity for retired employees

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Joint Action Committee of Karnataka State Anganwadi Workers' Union has decided to go on strike at Freedom Park in Bengaluru from November 6, demanding that gratuity (retirement allowance) be given to all those who have been continuously serving as Anganwadi workers and helpers since 1975 and have retired since 2011-12 as per the Payment of Gratuity Act 1972 and the Supreme Court verdict.

Speaking at a press conference here on Friday, M. Jayamma, general secretary of the union, said, "The Supreme Court has ruled on April 25, 2022, that Anganwadi workers and helpers working under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) of the Women and Child Development Department are eligible to receive gratuity under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972."

She emphasised that Anganwadi worker work is not part-time, but full time. The remuneration received by Anganwadi workers is also subject to the definition of salary, she argued.

The government's decision to provide gratuity to those who retire after 2023 should be modified and the gratuity should be applicable to all those who joined the service from 1975 and retired from 2011-12, she demanded.

KSDL pays ₹135 crore dividend to govt.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The public sector enterprise, Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL) on Friday handed over ₹135 crore to the State government as dividend from its profits for the financial year 2024-25.

Large and Medium Industries Minister M. B. Patil and KSDL Chairman Appaji Nadagouda presented the cheque to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Mr. Patil said that KSDL had achieved a turnover of ₹1,700 crore and recorded a profit of ₹451 crore in the last financial year. In line with regulations, 30% of the profit has been paid to the government as dividend.

In 2022-23, KSDL had paid a dividend of ₹54 crore to the State government, followed by ₹108 crore in 2023-24. Compared to last year, this year's dividend reflects an increase of ₹27 crore.

Forum soon to address cyber challenges

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A not-for-profit techno-legal forum, primarily driven by practitioners of law and technology, will soon be launched to help address the challenges of cybercrime, privacy erosion, and regulatory gaps, said the organisers of Cyber Vidhi Sangam 2025.

The inaugural conclave of the forum was organised by alumni of Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics Programme, NLSIU.

"Even the senior-most criminal lawyers are finding it hard to understand the nuances of cybercrimes. There are real-life situations where the existing law itself doesn't provide clarity. When it comes to privacy law, the industry is facing challenges in terms of implementation because the guidelines are not clear. There are a lot of such gaps, and hence we thought it would be ideal to create a forum or a community which can bridge these gaps together," said one of the organisers, who is also an NLSIU alumnus.

Nigam Nuggehalli, Registrar-in-Charge and Professor of Law, NLSIU, delivered the keynote address.

Noting that legal frameworks often lag behind technological advances he suggested that law needs to move from consent-based approaches to 'privacy paternalism.'

He pointed out that given many cyber-attacks are international and cross-border in nature, a ready legal solution was still not in the picture.

HTT-40 series production aircraft makes maiden flight

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The first Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40) Series Production aircraft, TH 4001 made its maiden flight here on Friday. The HTT-40 is an indigenous Basic Trainer Aircraft designed and developed by HAL for the Indian Air Force.

"The first HTT-40 Series Production aircraft, TH 4001 took to the skies at the HAL facility here on Friday. HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft is a fully aerobatic, tandem-seat, turboprop aircraft built to provide basic flight training, aerobatics, instrument flying, and night flying," HAL said.

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Interested Bidders can download the tender document from **https://tidco.com** and **https://tntenders.gov.in** at free of cost.

The schedule for the bidding process is as follows:

1. Pre-bid meeting will be held on **07.11.2025 at 3:00 P.M** at TIDCO Office/online VC.
2. Last date and time for submission of Proposals/ Bids is on or before **25.11.2025 at 3.00 P.M** through **https://tntenders.gov.in**.
3. Opening of Technical Proposals / Bids on **25.11.2025 at 4.00 P.M** at TIDCO Office.
4. Any subsequent notification on the tender would be published on the above website.

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No: KBJNL/IBC/D-1/PB-1/Tender/2025-26/486 Date:-23-10-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-5
(ONLY THROUGH KPPP TENDER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL IBC Divn No-1 Kembhavi, the under signed invites tenders on Construction of 1x17.5MVA stand by power Transformer bay at 110/6.6KV, switch yard and allied works of Indi LIS (Gutti Basavanna) pump house(KBJNL) at Kembhavi, Yadagir dist with 5 years maintenance at Indi LIS and shifting of 1x12.5MVA 110/6.6KV Transformer and commissioning at ALBC Head work. (Indent no.1559)/Call-5 tender amount Rs. 242.04lakhs EMD:3.64 Lakhs percentage basis from The contractor should have registration certificate of A copy of the valid Registration certificate of class-1 contractor or super grade electrical contractor, license issued by CEIG. The tenderers are required to submit tenders in two cover system (The blank tenders can be obtained through website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box).

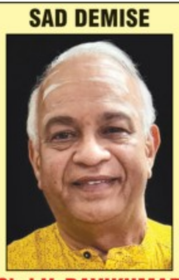
1) The contractors can request for e-tendering documents from 28-10-2025 to 06-11-2025 in the web site http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 2) Last date for Submission of completed e-tendering documents will be 06-11-2025 upto 4.30 PM 3) A pre-bid conference will be held on 03-11-2025 at 11.00 AM at the office of the Chief Engineer canal zone-2 Rampur. 4) Technical bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 10-11-2025 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e - Tendering platform. 5) Financial bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 12-11-2025 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e - Tendering platform. 6) If any of the dates mentioned above happened to be a general holiday, the next working day holds good. 7) Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIP/YDG/348/KSMC&A/2025-26 **KBJNL IBC Division-1 Kembhavi,**

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

SAD DEMISE



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Dated this 25.10.2025

Drivers did not alert us about fire: survivors

Passengers seated behind the driver said the main driver initially tried to douse the flames using sand but eventually fled the scene; some passengers say the main bus door got jammed and they broke the windows to escape the fire; several travellers sustained injuries while jumping from the bus

Hareesh P.
KURNOOL

Some of the survivors of the ghastly bus accident at Chinna Tekuru in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh claimed that the drivers of the ill-fated bus should have responded in a proper manner and alerted the passengers inside the bus. They said more lives could have been saved had the drivers managed to open the doors of the bus.

Nineteen passengers died after the private bus, travelling from Hyderabad to Bengaluru, went up in flames after a collision early on Friday. The two drivers managed to escape.

Passengers seated behind the driver said the main driver initially tried to douse the flames using sand but eventually fled the scene.

Panic hour

One of the passengers, Aswin, said his berth was right behind the driver's seat. "I woke up to a blast like sound and found smoke in the bus. We tried to break open the doors and rush out but could not," he said.

Mr. Aswin said he and other passengers started shouting and alerted others about the engulfing flames. "I could faintly see the driver spraying water from a bottle on the fire but that could not control the fire," he said and added he starting shouting to all other passengers to break the windows.

Grief-stricken: Inconsolable family members at the accident spot in Kurnool on Friday. NAGARA GOPAL

Mr. Aswin came out of the driver's door and could save his life. He said the drivers should have alerted the passengers and tried to break open the main entrance door.

Another passenger, Surya, said smoke started to engulf the bus minutes after the vehicle came to halt on the roadside. "It was becoming difficult for us to breathe and see due to the smoke. Some people coming behind the bus in a car broke open the rear windows, which saved our lives," he said.

Akash, 31, was travelling in an upper berth. "I could not see the bus drivers after fire engulfed the bus. They should have alerted us, but they were nowhere near the bus," he said.

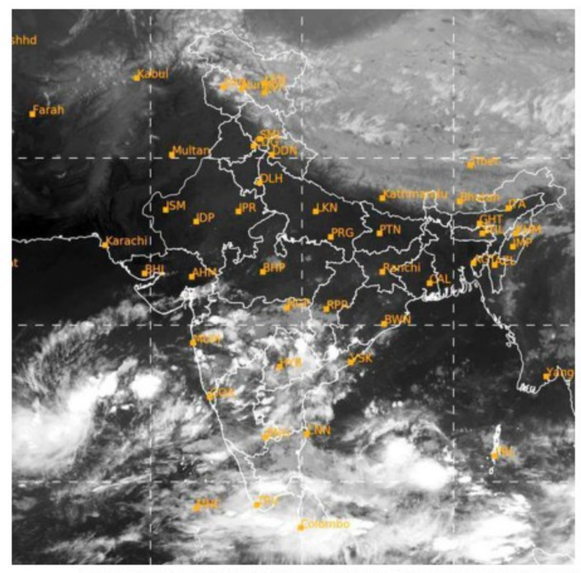
Smoke spreads

M.G. Rama Reddy, a 50-year-old passenger travelling in another upper berth, said he escaped as he was travelling in the rear part of the bus.

"The aisle was filled with smoke and I could not see anything. I could reach the rear side window from where people were jumping out. Some one pulled me out and I fell on the ground and suffered minor injuries," he said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.6	25.2	Kozhikode	43	32.1	23.4
Ahmedabad	—	35.6	25.1	Kurnool	12	28.5	23.4
Aizawl	25.6	30.5	18.6	Lucknow	—	33.7	22.2
Allahabad	—	35.0	22.5	Madurai	—	33.0	24.6
Bengaluru	—	25.6	20.2	Mangaluru	4.5	29.2	23.0
Bhopal	—	31.4	21.4	Mumbai	—	35.3	27.0
Bhubaneswar	—	33.0	23.0	Mysuru	—	28.0	19.0
Chandigarh	—	32.8	17.3	New Delhi	—	32.3	17.0
Chennai	0.9	27.2	24.7	Patna	—	33.5	24.1
Coimbatore	—	30.4	23.4	Port Blair	9	29.5	24.2
Dehradun	—	31.2	15.8	Puducherry	—	28.2	25.3
Gangtok	—	22.5	13.9	Pune	40.4	32.4	23.5
Goa	0.6	28.0	24.6	Raipur	—	32.7	23.2
Guwahati	—	33.2	22.5	Ranchi	—	31.0	20.8
Hubballi	—	26.0	21.0	Shillong	—	24.3	15.0
Hyderabad	1	27.4	22.7	Shimla	10.5	21.8	9.4
Imphal	—	30.3	22.6	Srinagar	—	22.6	5.4
Jaipur	—	31.8	19.2	Thiruvananthapuram	66	28.8	23.0
Kochi	52	29.8	23.4	Tiruchi	—	30.1	22.6
Kohima	—	—	16.6	Vijayawada	28	27.9	24.2
Kolkata	—	33.8	25.0	Visakhapatnam	16	32.9	24.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.24	.33	45	120	120	
Bengaluru	.28	.30	48	53	104	
Chennai	.6	.6	34	53	43	
Delhi	.28	104	59	342	407	
Hyderabad	.15	.18	17	53	91	
Kolkata	.8	.14	63	198	155	
Lucknow	.7	.49	81	208	251	
Mumbai	.—	.60	64	89	229	
Pune	.—	.30	48	33	46	
Visakhapatnam	.8	.37	11	35	39	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bahadurgarh, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 318 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 9

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Tragedy occurred due to overspeeding, negligence'

Rajulapudi Srinivas
VIJAYAWADA

Officers deployed in Kurnool district's Fire Control Room received a call around 3 a.m. on the fire accident in the Bengaluru-bound private bus on Friday.

"The accident occurred due to overspeeding and may be negligence of the driver," said the in-charge Director-General, A.P. State Disaster Response and Fire Services, P. Venkata Ramana. "By the time the fire personnel reached the spot, the vehicle was engulfed in flames and no screams were heard from the bus," Mr. Ramana told *The Hindu*.

Poor visibility

The firemen, along with the locals and others, shifted the injured to the nearby hospitals and put out the flames. "A detailed investigation into the accident is on," Mr. Ramana said.

According to the preliminary report, the accident occurred due to speeding, poor visibility and fuel leakage after the bus hit a two-wheeler, which rammed underneath the sleeper coach, the Fire Services D-G said.

The bike hit the bus from the front and was dragged underneath. A part of the bike might have hit the fuel tank and led to a leakage of fuel. This combined with the fire generated out of friction after the collision, might have led to the blaze, said the fire officials.

Minister warns bus owners of stringent action for lapses

Ravi Reddy
HYDERABAD

Telangana Minister for Transport Ponnam Prabhakar warned private bus operators that the government will not hesitate to register murder cases against the owners of private bus services if they endanger the lives of people by running vehicles with poor maintenance and lapsed permits.

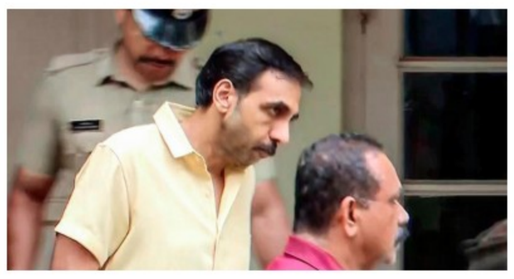
"Please don't play with the lives of people by trying to operate buses of poor quality, " he warned after the tragic bus accident Kurnool on Friday.

Ponnam Prabhakar

He said that in wake of the accident, he would take initiative to hold a meeting of the Transport Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. "I will personally talk to the two Transport Ministers and shortly meet to discuss the pros and cons of handling such situations in future," he said.

Mr. Prabhakar said that the buses operated by private managements did not adhere to the traffic rules. He added that the Telangana government would crack down on such incidents ruthlessly in future.

INBRIEF



SIT takes Sabarimala gold theft accused to Bengaluru

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged misappropriation of gold-plated copper moulds covering the stone carvings and sculptures at the Sabarimala Ayyappa temple took the prime accused Unnikrishnan Potti to Bengaluru as part of the ongoing evidence collection process on Friday. The magistrate court had granted the SIT custody of the accused until October 30 for evidence collection. According to the investigators, Mr. Potti, allegedly transported these plates to temples and other places across south India without authorisation.

Four boys washed away in river in A.P., one body found

Four boys hailing from Vedanthapuram village were washed away in the swirling current of the Swarnamukhi river in Andhra Pradesh on Friday. The body of one victim has been retrieved, while rescue operations were on to trace the rest. The boys took a plunge for swimming at around 4 p.m. on Friday, but were washed away as the river was in spate due to the heavy rain. Superintendent of Police L. Subbarayudu, said drones were deployed as part of the rescue measures. He appealed to people to keep away from brimming tanks and rivers.

Five convicted in Chittoor Mayor, husband murder case

A court on Friday convicted five persons for the murder of then Chittoor Mayor Katari Anuradha and her husband Katari Mohan in Andhra Pradesh in 2015. The court will pronounce the quantum of punishment on October 27. Those convicted are Jaya Prakash Reddy, Chandra Sekhar, Venkatachalapathi, Manjunath, and Venkatesh. An armed gang had attacked the couple inside the Chittoor Municipal Corporation office on November 2015, killing them on the spot and sending shockwaves across the State.

PM SHRI signing a tactical decision: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Minister for General Education V. Sivankutty on Friday described Kerala's decision to sign up for the Centrally sponsored PM School for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme as a "tactical" move designed to overcome denial of school education funds to the State by the Union government.

At a press conference held to explain the State government's position in the wake of strident opposition from coalition partner Communist Party of India (CPI) and others, Mr. Sivankutty said Kerala would continue its fight against the Union government policies of implementing Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) agenda through education. However, the government was not ready to give up on funds for Samagra Shiksha and other projects, especially when the State was facing financial constraints, he said.

The Minister said the State had lost ₹188.58 crore in the 2023-24 financial year and ₹513.54 crore in 2024-25. It was due ₹456.01 crore this financial year. This totalled ₹1,158.13 crore. The PM SHRI scheme would wind up by March 2027, he said. By signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for PM SHRI, the State would get the arrears due to Samagra Shiksha Kerala and two years of PM SHRI funds, which together came to ₹1,476.13 crore.

Responding to criticism that by signing up for PM SHRI the State had accepted the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, the Minister said the argument was purely technical. The Union government had declared in October 2022 that the objective of Samagra Shiksha was to help implement the NEP, he said. Even when the State had received Central funds till 2023, it had implemented schemes in keeping with the State's interests. There would be no change in that position, he said.

Police arresting activists who staged a protest against the PM SHRI scheme's implementation in State in Kozhikode on Friday. K. RAGESH

CPI opposition

The Communist Party of India (CPI) State secretariat on Friday expressed its "profound disquiet" over the government inking the MoU for the PM SHRI keeping the Left Democratic Front (LDF) and the Cabinet "in the dark."

CPI State secretary Binoy Viswam told a press conference here that the "surreptitious policy reversal" potentially undermined the Left's national-level resistance to the RSS' bid to saffronise schooling. He said he had recorded the CPI's deep anguish over the "breach of coalition propriety and an apparent absence of collective responsibility in the Cabinet" in a letter to LDF convener T.P. Ramakrishnan.

CPI(M)'s assurance

CPI(M) State secretary M.V. Govindan signalled at a press conference that the CPI could rest assured that the government would reject the Centre's rider linking the release of federal grants for school education to the NEP. "The State needs the money without compromising on the NEP. The LDF does not accept the improbable conditions that come with it. The CPI (M) and the CPI are on the same page concerning the rejection of the Sangh Parivar agenda to centralise school education," he said.

Study says fat composition is the secret of civet coffee

C.P. Sajit
KASARAGOD

A recent scientific study by researchers of the Central University of Kerala has revealed that civet processed robusta coffee, popularly known Kopi Luwak, shows distinct difference in its fatty acid methyl esters and total fat content when compared to naturally harvested robusta beans, offering fresh scientific insight into the origins of its famed aroma and flavour.

The findings add empirical weight to long held beliefs about the unique sensory, nutritional and aromatic qualities of the civet coffee, one of the world's exotic brews.

The research compared civet scat-collected robusta beans with manually harvested ones from organically and conventionally managed estates in Coorg.

According to co-author Dr. Sinu, Associate Professor, Zoology department, CUK, civet coffee, primarily produced from the excreta of the Asian palm civet *(Paradoxurus hermaphroditus)*, is made when the animal consumes ripe coffee cherries. The pulp is digested while the beans, subjected to natural fermentation inside the gut, are excreted intact and later collected for processing. Dr. Sinu said the study found that civet-processed beans were larger and contained higher fat contents than manually collected ones.

The researchers concluded that the civet's digestive and enzymatic process naturally ferment the bean, subtly altering their chemical structures and enriching their sensory profile.

Baker's yeast has the resilience to withstand Martian environment, find researchers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Researchers from the Department of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and collaborators at the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad, have found that Baker's yeast *(Saccharomyces cerevisiae)* has the resilience to withstand harsh conditions found in the Martian environment.

Baker's yeast *(Saccharomyces cerevisiae)* is an indispensable ingredient in making bread, beer, and biotechnology products. IISc said that this organism holds clues to how life could survive in extraterrestrial conditions and the findings underscore how baker's yeast could serve as an excellent model for India's efforts in astrobiology research.

It said that the team exposed yeast cells to high-intensity shock waves – similar to those produced by meteorite impacts on Mars – and perchlorate salts, which are toxic chemicals found in Martian soil.

Using a High-Intensity Shock Tube for Astrochemistry (HISTA) in Bhalamurugan Sivaraman's lab at PRL, they simulated shock waves reaching Mach 5.6 intensity. The team also treated yeast cells with 100 mM sodium perchlorate either in isolation or in combination with the shockwaves.

"One of the biggest hurdles was setting up the HISTA tube to expose live yeast cells to shock waves – something that has not been attempted before – and then recovering yeast with minimum contamination for downstream experiments," said lead author Riya Dhage.

IISc said that the yeast cells survived when treated with shock waves and perchlorate, although the cells' growth slowed down.

Key to resilience

"The likely key to their resilience lies in their ability to produce ribonucleoprotein (RNP) condensates – tiny, membrane-less structures that help protect and reorganise mRNA when the cells are under stress. Shock waves triggered the assembly of two types of RNPs called stress granules and P-bodies, while perchlorate exposure led to the generation of P-bodies alone. Yeast mutants that were unable to form these structures were far less likely to survive," IISc said.

It added that the results show how RNP condensates may act as biomarkers for cellular stress under extraterrestrial conditions.

"What makes this work unique is the integration of shock-wave physics and chemical biology with molecular-cell biology to probe how life might cope with such Mars-like stressors," said Ms. Dhage.

"We hope that this study will galvanise efforts to have yeast on board in future space explorations," said Purusharth I. Rajyaguru, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry.

Sleeping deathtraps

Modifications at body shops make sleeper buses vulnerable

The accident in Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh, in the early hours of October 24, involving a "luxury" bus from Hyderabad to Bengaluru with 46 passengers, was one that mirrored previous such tragedies. It was apparently triggered by a fuel leak after the bus collided with a bike that had been knocked to the ground earlier in a hit-and-run incident. The accident claimed 20 lives including the bike rider; the survivors barely managed to escape through broken windows. Some 10 days earlier, 20 people were burnt alive when an air-conditioned bus from Jaisalmer to Jodhpur, with 57 passengers, caught fire. There have been several eerily similar fires such as in 2023, on a Nagpur-Mumbai bus.

Typically, most of these buses carry the names of well-known brands but the fact is that only the engine and the chassis are purchased from these OEMs. The chassis is then made into a full bus in body-building shops. While there is a case that increasingly advanced electronics, electrical and the air-conditioning systems used carry the risk of electric fires, rigorous safety standards are typically followed while designing and installing these systems. But what is not rigorous is body installation and modifications made at the body shops. The Automotive Industry Standards (AIS) developed by the Road Transport Ministry do lay down the structural and fire safety requirements for bodies as well, but these are seldom followed. Often, the body is made of poor quality composite material that is highly inflammable. There is hardly any crash testing. At the body shop, unsafe modifications are sometimes made such as installing an extra fuel tank. The sleeper arrangements on board restrict passenger movement. Soft, highly inflammable materials are used for curtains and other barricades. Recent regulations specify that there must be four exits on such buses – two main doors and two collapsible windows – with no seat or sleeper obstructing them. But these do not apply to the existing fleet. The drivers are often not trained to handle emergencies. It would enhance safety to mandate that the emergency exit arrangements are explained to passengers as they are on a flight. Crash testing of the entire bus assembly must be mandated to enhance safety during collisions. Though current standards mandate fire detection and safety systems that would detect and give audible and visual warnings in a fire followed by the activation of firefighting devices, these are seldom followed at the body shops. What is needed is a more comprehensive AIS that takes into account risks in sleeper buses followed by strict implementation and regular monitoring.

Sanctioning Russia

Trump is seeking to bring Putin to talks by breaking his strategic will

The Trump administration has imposed fresh sanctions on Russia as punitive measures relating to Moscow's refusal to strike a ceasefire agreement to bring the war in Ukraine to a halt, with Washington targeting Russian oil giants Rosneft and Lukoil. Russia's use of the oil trade to finance war has been a bone of contention for NATO members since the early days of Russia's incursion into and attacks on Ukraine, an indirect dimension of the conflict that has pulled Asian powers India and China into the fray. Over the summer, Mr. Trump sought to up the ante in this regard by slapping India with an additional 25% tariff for importing Russian oil, over and above the basic 25% rate imposed on other countries as well, even though China, as a top importer of Russian seaborne crude, was spared this levy. Now, the latest round of sanctions appeared to have penalised both trading partners of Moscow significantly, with reports suggesting that at least four major state-owned Chinese oil companies have suspended purchases from Russia and that at least one private and three state-owned Indian refinery companies are planning for "recalibration of Russian oil imports" including the possibility of a "massive cut" over time.

At the heart of the White House move is the seething frustration of Mr. Trump over failed attempts to not only bring Russian President Vladimir Putin to the negotiating table – a feat achieved in Alaska in August and a second summit agreed in Budapest before it was postponed following the collapse of ceasefire talks – but also to nudge the Kremlin towards at least a short-term arrangement that might lead to a cessation of hostilities as a precursor to a broader treaty on territorial and institutional agreements. It is possible that the latest sanctions may lead to a genuine tightening of options for Mr. Putin on ending the war, especially as Washington will now be joining the European Union that has adopted its 19th sanctions package against Moscow, specifically focusing on technology supply chains, energy revenues, and financial networks. Nevertheless, it may be premature to applaud their potential impact on the Kremlin's strategic calculus. Ultimately, whether sanctions have teeth or not depends on the consistency of their enforcement, including shutting down the inevitable loopholes and workarounds that Moscow will seek to exploit to continue selling oil abroad, possibly at even sharper discounts. Mr. Trump may find that he has travelled full circle to arrive at the same sticky negotiating points between Moscow and Kiev that his predecessor faced – an early end to ground hostilities, control of Donbas, and the permissible extent of NATO influence in the region. Only if sanctions can break Russian strategic will on at least one of these points will the prospects for peace brighten considerably.

Respect the health rights of India's children

Jayanthi Natarajan

is a former Union Minister, an advocate and a columnist

The deaths of 25 children linked to contaminated cough syrup has shocked the conscience of the nation. In a news cycle that often highlights 'man bites dog' sensationalism, the general public is largely aware of two things: that 25 children died, and that a paediatrician in Madhya Pradesh who defiantly prescribed the syrup to the children is said to have received a paltry commission of ₹2.54 a bottle; thus the cost of each of those young lives was ₹2.54.

That all this happened despite the Union Health Ministry having banned certain cough syrup formulations for children under the age of four years – as recently as April 2025 – citing the risk of contamination, is shocking. There has also been much discussion on responsibility – which agency failed in its duty to monitor and prevent the distribution of the syrup. The regulatory agencies in India responsible include the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation under the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India which handles large manufacturers of drugs and export approvals, and State drug control officers who handle the regulation, care, manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs by small- and medium-scale manufacturers.

Where the focus needs to be

Rather than apportion blame, it would be wise to allow the law to take its course. The focus must be on the regulatory framework behind the distribution of paediatric medicines in India, and the challenges India faces in ensuring the protection it has guaranteed to its children in Article 39(f) of the Constitution, which is also listed as an important Directive Principle of State Policy.

Children (the age group under 18 years) make up 39% of India's population. There are a catena of laws and policies in India – approximately 13 – that are specifically designed to protect children, from the seminal National Policy for Children 1974 to the India Newborn Action Plan 2014. There are also about 10 pieces of legislation with special provisions for children such as the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act to The Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act.

Significantly, while these are critical interventions, they focus heavily on protecting children in the workforce (labour laws), and preventing and punishing the sexual exploitation of children. There are important initiatives for children in health and education, but the specific area of pharmacovigilance in the dissemination of paediatric drugs requires far more oversight and also the development of robust infrastructure.

> There needs to be a holistic framework to monitor medicine use for children

In a similar context, Dr. Harry Shirkey called children "therapeutic orphans". Children are not small adults. The pharmacodynamic responses of children and adults are vastly different due to a spectrum of different physiologies. Further, clinical trials of drugs are usually conducted on adults and for ethical and other reasons almost never on children, resulting in an alarming lack of paediatric guidelines of dosage and administration. All too often, the dosage and administration of drugs for children are extrapolated from guidelines for adults, leaving children in much danger of overdosage and more serious consequences. Special development strategies of drugs for children are a cornerstone of their health-care needs, particularly public health care.

Overseas, the regulatory framework for children-related pharmaceuticals is an eye-opener. In the European Union, it is under the Paediatric Use Marketing Authorisation and in the United States, under the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act (BCPA). *Inter alia*, such legislation also provides incentives for research into paediatric drugs. India does not have a specific policy or legislation and operates on general guidelines. Since children are totally dependent on their parents or guardians for their health needs, it is necessary that the government frames clear guidelines.

Health-care-related financial burdens often cause many impoverished families to fall into deeper poverty, making it even more vital that the pharmaceutical needs of children are made affordable.

The essential medicine concept

Therefore, the introduction of the essential medicine concept in the health-care sector contributes significantly to the greater availability and affordability of life-saving medicines. Essential medicines are those which satisfy the priority health-care needs of the population, are intended to be available in all health-care systems and are of quality and affordable. Several years ago, the World Health Organization (WHO) introduced an essential Medicine list for children (EMLc). This is used by policy makers to update the EMLc lists in their own countries. Although EML for adults are periodically revised, the EMLc for children is not addressed regularly. This requires immediate attention of policymakers.

Other basic safe practices in the distribution of children's pharmaceuticals include constant education for care-givers and pharmacists, and making it mandatory to read the label, dispense the correct dosage and watch for side-effects particularly when buying over-the-counter medication.

Regulation of over-the-counter medication for children especially for cough, cold and fever is an important dimension of public health care. The use of OTC medication varies in rural and urban areas, but is more common in an urban setting.

Public health-care outlets are another area of focus where clear guidelines need to be enforced in dispensing pharmaceuticals to children. A zero tolerance policy must be adopted against substitute or substandard medication. In the case of teenagers, attention must be paid to prevent the misuse of drugs.

Over the last three years, WHO has issued several warnings on contaminated cough syrup. Some of these are related to cough syrup made in various places in India. Children have also died in the Gambia, Uzbekistan, Indonesia and Cameroon as a result of these contaminated syrups. India has emerged as the pharmacy to the Global South with huge exports of cough syrups, but this carries with it a responsibility to ensure the absolute safety of the medicines exported.

Need for India data

India's health policy with regard to paediatric medicines cannot be framed only on the basis of data on children available from other countries. Our genetics are unique to us and our research needs to be based on wholly Indian data. Nor should data on paediatric medicines be extrapolated from data that is related to adults.

We owe a fiduciary duty to our children to take care in framing a health policy for them. We expect responsible policymakers to take into account diverse factors including awareness of environmental pitfalls such as how toxicity of a cough syrup may be exacerbated by malnutrition in children.

Thus, adult medicines modified during administration to children can only be considered as off label and unlicensed. They should not be used at all since they are contraindicated in terms of formulation, age and indicators.

Clearly, monitoring safe medicine use in children is of utmost importance. The use of medicines not proven to be safe for children is a violation of the rights of voiceless children. India urgently needs a robust and holistic infrastructure to monitor and promote awareness of safety protocols with regard to medicines given to children.

The mirage of port-led development in Great Nicobar

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Among the backers of a seaport at Great Nicobar – much in the media spotlight, following a spate of critical commentaries – a favourite argument is that the facility will position India as a regional hub for maritime security and economic growth. Proponents reject suggestions that the port is a misguided venture that threatens indigenous communities and risks ecological collapse. Instead, they present it as a strategic and commercial game-changer.

That claim is increasingly questionable. A closer look reveals that the project's supposed advantages are overstated, while its structural flaws and environmental costs are routinely, often wilfully, downplayed. At stake is not just the port's ecological and commercial viability, but whether the sweeping claims of economic and strategic transformation attached to it are grounded in reality.

A flawed rationale

The supporters' logic is, at one level, understandable. India remains heavily dependent on foreign ports, especially Colombo and Singapore, for transshipment. The argument is that a mega port at Galathea Bay (Great Nicobar) would allow India to wrest traffic from foreign hubs and claim a greater share of regional container trade. Yet, the proposition rests on the faulty assumption that creating port capacity automatically attracts traffic. The experience with the Vallarpadam Port in Kerala suggests otherwise. Transshipment hubs flourish not on infrastructure alone but on network connectivity, feeder links, cargo base and carrier loyalty – none of which can be assured by merely building a high-capacity terminal.

Galathea Bay suffers from deep structural limitations. It has no real hinterland – no urban centre, industrial zone, or logistics base to support the port. Every container must be shipped in and out, with no local industry or cargo base to anchor sustained growth. Even as a transshipment hub, the port would depend on feeder services that do not yet exist. Unlike Colombo, which sits within a dense web of short-haul routes linking South Asia, East Africa and Southeast Asia, Nicobar lacks comparable connectivity. Creating such a network would require massive subsidies and long-term state support – a prospect few shipping lines are likely to find commercially credible.

> The facts show that the project's 'advantages' are sweeping claims that downplay its considerable 'costs'

Geography, in fact, may be the project's biggest handicap. Located about 1,200 kilometres from the Indian mainland, Galathea Bay is too remote to support cost-effective feeder operations. Everything – from containers and provisions to port personnel and fuel – would need to be shipped in, raising operating costs. Shipping schedules would have to be significantly revised to include such an isolated location, a prospect few carriers are likely to find worthwhile.

It is instructive that Colombo, despite long-standing carrier relationships and established networks, has managed fewer than eight million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (or TEU, which is the unit of cargo capacity) a year. That Nicobar, with no committed lines, aims to double that figure, stretches credulity.

Misplaced imperatives

Some argue that the port's economic rationale is strengthened by its strategic utility. A forward military presence in Great Nicobar, they say, enhances maritime domain awareness and bolsters India's deterrence posture in the eastern Indian Ocean. That may be true in a limited sense. INS Baaz, the existing naval facility, already supports surveillance operations. Yet, it is unclear why a commercial port is needed to support a military mission, especially when the Chinese navy has yet to frontally challenge Indian interests in the region. Even if strategic imperatives warrant a stronger posture, that objective ought to be pursued transparently, not cloaked in the language of commercial development.

Claims that Galathea Bay will integrate with Vizhinjam (Kerala) and Vadhavan (Maharashtra) to form a seamless maritime arc are no less fanciful. The vision overlooks the fact that these ports operate in distinct maritime theatres and are shaped by fundamentally different commercial realities. Vizhinjam, given its proximity to international shipping lanes, may plausibly draw transshipment traffic from Colombo – especially if it delivers faster turnaround times and regulatory efficiency. Vadhavan has its own commercial logic and could thrive independently. Galathea Bay is geographically isolated, cut off from industrial corridors, and lacks any organic cargo base. To treat it as a linchpin in a future Indian maritime arc is to ignore the practical requirements of hub functioning.

Lacking logistics

Mercantile trading patterns suggest that carrier commitments are often shaped by a reluctance to disrupt entrenched trade networks. Major shipping lines benefit from operational rebates and integrated logistics at Colombo and Singapore – advantages that Indian ports struggle to match. Despite heavy investment, Indian terminals continue to levy significantly higher port-calling and handling costs. The experience at Krishnapatnam Port (Nellore, Andhra Pradesh) – a full withdrawal of container services in 2024, and a strategic reorientation to bulk-cargo – powerfully illustrates how cost structures and network integration continue to shape liner decisions.

For those who point to Vizhinjam as a success story, it bears highlighting that it, too, is a case of shipping relationships driving merchant traffic rather than organic demand. While the port has logged an impressive 500 merchant calls, the majority of traffic has come from one shipping company– MSC – which, not coincidentally, is eyeing an ownership stake at the terminal. That no other major carrier has committed to shifting operations from Colombo underscores a broader truth: without strong carrier relationships, even well-situated ports struggle to attract sustained traffic.

While Galathea Bay cannot be expected to replicate the performance of a mainland port, it should be clear that a terminal lacking a viable logistics ecosystem faces steep odds.

The Great Nicobar project is undoubtedly ambitious. Yet, ambition, divorced from economic and logistical realities, is no recipe for success. A world-class port with few takers will yield neither influence nor development. It will stand instead as a cautionary lesson in misplaced ambition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A disquiet?

U.S. President Donald Trump revels in keeping global leaders guessing which he backs by issuing unpredictable diktats on all. But he appears to have met his match in Russian leader Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Israel's leader Benjamin Netanyahu, who have turned Mr. Trump's unpredictability to their advantage. Mr. Putin remains inscrutable. Every claim of progress on peace by Mr. Trump is responded with increased shelling on Ukraine . Mr. Xi, the great economic rival, counters every Trump diktat with a subtle throttling of vital supplies while Mr. Netanyahu, the closest ally, is too adamant to follow advice. Back home, unease seems to be brewing.

Clearly, America's democratic patience is being tested by fatigue and polarisation.

It might be inevitable that Mr. Trump's macho and larger-than-life image could now be challenged from within the United States.

R. Narayanan,
Navi Mumbai

Pan-India SIR

It is reported that the Election Commission's pan-India Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls could begin soon. We know how the exercise in poll-bound Bihar caused much controversy. As the exercise now will also be in Opposition-ruled States, utmost care should be taken to ensure a transparent exercise.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

Corrections & Clarifications

A report, "'Ticket for kin': despite protestations, parties yield to dynastic pressure" ('Bihar Assembly Election' page, October 22, 2025) should have said Gayatri Devi is the wife — and not the daughter-in-law — of former MLA Ram Naresh Yadav.

Letters emailed to letters@thehindu.co.in must carry the full postal address.

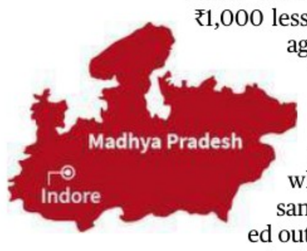
Trouble in 'soy State'

A fear that farmers have is of their soybean not being valued if cheap soybean is imported from the U.S. Soy being sorted and dried before being sold in Indore. R.V. MOORTHY

Madhya Pradesh is India's largest soybean producer, but young farmers are losing interest in farming, facing key issues such as improper implementation of minimum support price, seed quality, input cost and the possibility of the import of soybean and soybean meal from the United States. A.M. Jigeesh reports on a brewing crisis

Arvind Singh Rathore was born in 1989, which was the year before his grandfather, (late) Thakur Datar Singh Rathore, and his father, Thakur Santosh Singh Rathore, began cultivating soybean on their ancestral farmland in Muradpura, a village on the outskirts of Indore in Madhya Pradesh. The oilseed was quite new to farmers in this area even though others in the State had been sowing it as far back as the late 1970s and early 1980s. Arvind grew up helping his family earn a living growing soybean. For about 15 years now, he has been managing soybean on 25 acres of land, with the help of his father. But something has changed. The young farmer, also a district leader of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh-supported Bharatiya Kisan Sangh, now wants to leave agriculture and look for another job in another sector. The reasons are many.

Even as the harvesting of soybean was going on, he found time to talk about some of the reasons. He said youngsters like him were no longer interested in farming due to multiple issues that ranged from climate change to the import-export policies of the Union Government. "The yield is very low this time," he said. "We get two quintals to 2.5 quintals per acre now. There was a time when we used to get more than four quintals. This is less than half of what my grandfather and father used to get. The price is also almost a ₹1,000 less than what we used to get 15 years ago. We do not have any other alternative crops here as maize, a popular alternate crop, is what the nilgai likes." The nilgai (*Boselaphus tragocamelus*) is an antelope species which farmers consider to be a nuisance as it destroys crops, Arvind pointed out.



Arvind has also been reaching out to his farmer friends on the impact that the possible import of soybean from the United States could have. "The government is already importing soybean oil and other edible oils. But if soybean is imported from the U.S., our crisis will deepen. The government should set its import-export policy right," he says.

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> **D.N. PATHAK,** Executive Director of the Soybean Processors Association of India (SOPA)

The MSP issue

There is another issue that he and other farmer leaders are engaged with, which is proper implementation of the minimum support price (MSP) and procurement by the government in local markets. In the ongoing *kharif* season, the government had announced ₹5,328 as the MSP for a quintal of soybean. But in the Chhawani grain market of Indore, farmers have been selling their produce for as low as ₹ 3,000 per quintal. According to Arvind, "The government had promised MSP, but we are not getting even half the MSP after the harvest. Soybean cultivation gives us huge losses. Both the Centre and State governments claim that they have doubled the income of farmers. The reality on the ground is quite the opposite. Farmers are leaving agriculture. They are compelled to do it to protect their land."

The Union Government, in a statement on October 6, 2025, had said that the country's overall oilseed sowing area, during the 2025 *kharif* season, had decreased by 10.62 lakh hectares compared to the previous year. The decrease in soybean alone was 9.1 lakh hectares. Madhya Pradesh is India's largest soybean producer – over 40% – harvesting about 52 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) from about 53 lakh hectares.

Dilip Singh is another farmer in the neighbourhood who has been cultivating soybean since 1997. He too agreed with Arvind that farmers are not recovering even the input cost which is the reason for the decrease in cultivation. Their forebears used to cultivate coarse cereals, millets and pulses earlier but switched to soybean based on what the government presented to them – soybean cultivation was linked to ensuring self-reliance in edible oil requirements and in meeting the protein needs of a huge population dependent on vegetarian food.

Upset with the change in fortunes, Dilip rued the shift to soybean. "Now the prices of millets and pulses have increased and the prices of soybean have come down. We should not have shifted to soybean," he said. In 2014, he used to get between ₹4,200 and ₹4,500 for a quintal of soybean. "This season, I sold soybean for ₹3,300 and ₹3,500 a quintal. If it is very good quality, then it will get ₹4,000. But no one is buying at the MSP rate," he said.

Both Arvind and Dilip said the Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana (price difference payment scheme) announced by the government was no solution.

"For one acre, I have to spend ₹8,000 to ₹10,000 as input cost. The harvest machine itself costs ₹2,500 to ₹3,000 to run per acre. The Bhavantar Yojana is a fraud being played on farmers as the model price and average price are different. The government says something and does something else. This is duplicity," Arvind lamented.

The threat of imports

Sher Singh Thakur, another farmer, said the government should stop any plan to import soybean. "The officials should promote value addition and help the farmer. They should first think about the farmer. Every farmer is facing losses. The government is importing edible oil. But farmers here are unable to sell their soybean at a decent price. We have to take a loan for input costs and 70% of the farmers depend on loans," he said.

The Executive Director of the Soybean Processors Association of India (SOPA), D.N. Pathak, has seen both the growth and the crisis in the soybean sector. He believes that any shortage in its cultivation will have a direct impact on protein availability as soybean in India is not an oilseed crop. Pathak said, "Only 18% or 19% of the soybean is used to make oil. It is basically a protein crop." He said SOPA has been requesting the government to ensure that farmers get the correct price. "Productivity is low. It has been low for the last 30 to 40 years. It has not improved. A lot needs to be done to improve productivity. The industry should also work there. The government should certainly make efforts," he said.

Pathak said that talk about the import of soybean was being floated by an import lobby with vested interests. "They are asking why do we grow soybean? This is a very dangerous story being put forth by some vested interests... the people who want to export soybean in India, and the people who want to import soybean to India. For them it is business. If that happens, the industry will be dead. And the farmer will also be dead."

He said, "The government has to understand this. We have about 180 plants for extracting soybean oil and for making soybean meal. All of them will have to be closed down. We have about ₹6 billion to ₹7 billion worth of investment. All this will go away. Banks will write off the loans. I don't know what farmers will do. Whatever they grow in this area instead of soybean ... the price of that product will crash as soybean is cultivated in a huge area. It is actually scary."

A trained professional in electronics, Pathak joined SOPA in 1994, as he had a deep interest in agriculture. It comes as no surprise as his family of farmers is from Uttar Pradesh. "We need about 7 million tonnes to 8 million tonnes of soybean meal," he says. "This means that we must crush about 100 lakh tonnes of soybean, which is our production now. If we grow more, we export. But we cannot compete because our MSP is so high. So, if somebody were to bring soybean from the U.S., what will happen to this soybean which our farmers grow? Or is there a suggestion that we should not grow soybean? U.S. soybean is roughly $380 a tonne. Our soybean is $620 per tonne. So should we bring U.S. soybean at $380?"

He raises more questions. "Then who will buy the local soybean? What will the farmer do? The whole import talk is absolutely ridiculous," says a visibly angry Pathak. "I don't know why it should even happen. Our processors are mainly into oil extraction and making soybean meal. They cannot compete with U.S. processors."

Kedar Sirohi is a member of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) and president of the Congress party's farmer cell in Madhya Pradesh. According to him, the State's economy is dependent on soybean. "The production has been coming down of late. Substandard seeds is one of the main reasons. This year, it is particularly low. Sowing has been done across approximately 52 lakh hectares to 53 lakh hectares. But production will be very low in at least 30 lakh hectares. Farmers are likely to get up to 2 quintals to 2.5 quintals an acre," he said, adding that total production from the State will be at least 20 LMT less, from about 52 LMT-55 LMT, which was the average production rate. He said the market prices at present is 35% to 40% less than MSP. "Soybean is the lifeline of the farmers of Madhya Pradesh. If the yield increases and the proper price is given, it will help farmers. Farmers do not have any tools for price mitigation. Industries are in crisis and this crisis is percolating to farmers. All other countries provide heavy subsidies to farmers and industry. But here, both the sections do not enjoy any subsidies," he claimed.

The advent of soybean in the State

In the 1980s, Madhya Pradesh first tried black soybean. The present variety, which is yellow soybean, reached farms by the first decade of 2000. Earlier, cooperative societies used to procure soybean till the end of the 1990s and production was good too. Kedar said, "M.P.'s farmers stood on their legs with soybean farming. The losses only began in the last 10 to 15 years. The biggest issue was the seeds. Low quality seeds resulted in a decrease in production and companies began to queue up offering fertilizers and pesticides to enhance production. But this did not work. Rather than it being from lab to land, seeds are coming from market to land," he said.

When asked about the Bhavantar scheme, he said, "It is a 'copy paste exercise' of the price loss coverage of the United States Department of Agriculture, where farmers are given financial support when the prices of their products fell low or their revenue decreased. There is no transparency in fixing the model price."

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), an umbrella organisation of a number farmers' outfits, in which Sirohi is a member, is opposed to the policies of the State and Union Governments, particularly in the soybean sector. The Morcha claims to have the backing of a lot of farmers such as Arvind who are associated with the Bharatiya Janata Party for the issues they take up. They have also been raising issues such as suicides by soybean farmers. One of their major campaigns is against the possibility of the import of soybean and soybean meal from the U.S. The SKM cited a lack of transparency in discussions and the reluctance of governments to state that agriculture and agri markets are not part of any such negotiations.

They also point towards recent agreements between India and the United Kingdom and the I2U2, on integrated agricultural facilities across India. The SKM had demanded that the Centre scrap all trade negotiations that will impact the lives of farmers. SOPA had also sent a letter to the Centre highlighting the point that the country has sufficient stocks of soybean meal to meet domestic demand and that allowing imports will have "devastating consequences" for India's agriculture sector.

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Arun Chauhan, leader of the All India Kisan Sabha, a constituent of SKM, said that the decrease in production would be about 25% when compared to last year. "There is huge concern among farmers about U.S. imports. This has resulted in decreased cultivation. Farmers fear that that their soybean will not be valued if cheap soybean is imported from the U.S. is dumped in Indian markets. Even otherwise, this year, farmers are likely to face losses worth ₹300 crore in the State; a bulk of this will be from soybean. We have urged the government to intervene. The SKM recently met all District Collectors in an attempt to demand compensation for farmers. Arun said, "We will hold a protest in Bhopal on October 27 raising the issues of farmers who are cultivating soybean and other crops."

Another farmer, Kailash Parthani, has been a trader for 35 years at the Chhawani grain market. Like Pathak, he has also seen the ups and downs of soybean. He purchases soybean from farmers for processors such as the Patanjali group. He said, "Cultivation is down and yield is less. Traders are also worried about the future of soybean. The Bhavantar scheme is not helping farmers. Unless soybean meal is exported, it will be difficult to survive. If U.S. soybean comes here, it will be a double blow," he said. Kailash said some farmers are keeping soybean for three to four years expecting that the prices will improve as export picks up. According to SOPA, on an average, India exports about two million tonnes of soybean meal; in this season, it could go down by 1.8 million tonnes. SOPA states that the reason for lack of demand for Indian soybean is its higher price.

The Chhawani market is one of the biggest soybean markets in India. During the season, traders handle about 2,000 tonnes to 2,500 tonnes of soybean a month. Said Kailash, "Traders of this market brought yellow soybean and provided it to farmers for cultivation after the 1990s. The best time was between 1995 to 2015 when we used to get 6,000 tonnes per month."

Varun, a former secretary of the market, nodded in agreement. According to him, traders in the market deal with buyers from across the country. "We have a membership of about 1,500 traders. There are a lot of workers too in this market. The fluctuations in the soybean market have impacted traders. They are losing revenue. Such fluctuations are basically from the policies of the government. The import policy of the government is a problem. If the government allows imports of soybean, it will be a major problem."

An average trader in the market makes about ₹70,000 per month. "Import will act against both the trader and the farmer. It is against Atmanibharta," he said.

Manoj Kala, president of the market, has a clear demand. He wants the government to ensure MSP to farmers and that the de-oiled cake of soybean should be procured by the government.

A reposing of faith in soybean

In another part of Indore, despite the sentiment and arguments expressed from the ground, the scientific community has not lost hope in soybean and its future. The Director of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR)'s Indian Institute of Soybean Research, Kunwar Harendra Singh said: "From only 30,000 hectares during the 1970s, the country has now more than 12 million hectares under soybean cultivation. You will not see any other crop having expanded in such a way. So this is the big achievement as far as this crop is concerned."

He said that the present decrease in the area of sowing is primarily due to a decline in prices. "The government has been increasing the MSP, but the market rates were declining very fast. And then, other options like maize are in demand," he said. "This is the only plant based group which has 40% protein... This needs the attention of the government and also different industries to create the awareness on how to use this good quality protein," he added, pointing to the need for more research on the use of soybean as a human food.

Mahavir Prasad Sharma, his colleague at the institute, said there is an incubation centre for start-ups in the institute that helps entrepreneurs develop soybean-based food products. A focus area is developing products that will be a 'palate pleaser' as far as youngsters are concerned.

Said Kunwar, "The crop basically belongs to China, and in India earlier, only a few States such as Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and some of the northeastern States used to cultivate it. "More than 90% of soya is being used for cattle feed. We do not have value-added products. We can make different nutritional powders from this. But the industry has to come forward for that."

Farmers like Arvind are in touch with scientists like Kunwar to understand the latest developments in soybean cultivation and its processing. Arvind, however, said that had ICAR provided them with adequate quantity of good seeds, they would not have depended on private seed suppliers, whom they cannot trust.

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19 burnt to death as bus catches fire in A.P.

"A big thud woke me up from sleep. It was dark, and smoke filled the bus. I broke open window panes and jumped out with scrapes and injuries," said Akash, one of the survivors.

"It was around 2.45 a.m. when I was heading to Hyderabad from Satyasai district when the driver slowed down on the national highway," said public relations professional Hyma Reddy who was travelling on the same road in a private bus. When she saw the bus engulfed in flames, she called up the Kurnool Superintendent of Police Vikrant Patil on her mobile phone, asking a farmer at the scene to confirm the precise location. "It was horrific to see the bus burning with passengers screaming for help," Ms. Reddy said, recalling that a couple of passengers had broken limbs after jumping out of the bus.

By the time the SP arrived at the scene with fire services, local police, and ambulances, the bus was completely gutted. By dawn, the accident spot presented a scene of devastation with charred bodies trapped inside the bus's twisted and ash-covered metal frames. A consignment of mobile phones and some batteries were also found among the burnt remnants of the bus. Family members and relatives of the victims from Hyderabad and Bengaluru started rushing to the site as the news spread about the accident.
(With inputs by K. Umashanker/Chittoor)

'NDA to contest Bihar poll under CM Nitish'

Mr. Modi alleged that the RJD and Congress are only concerned about the political future of their own families.

Law and order cannot exist when the RJD is in power, he said. "During the RJD's rule, extortion, murder, ransom, kidnapping flourished in Bihar as an industry. RJD's jungle raj has ruined many generations in Bihar," he said.

Claiming that the NDA had transformed jungle raj into good governance, the PM said it was now time to transform good governance into prosperity. "Everyone must understand the power of your single vote. Your one vote will determine Bihar's prosperity, and the resolve to build a developed India will be strengthened," he added.

Taking a dig at the Opposition alliance, Mr. Modi claimed that the NDA has been a picture of unity since the Bihar election was announced, in contrast to the discord in the INDIA bloc. "In this *mahagatbandhan* (grand alliance), there is complete chaos," he said.

Addressing a rally in support of the NDA's candidate in Siwan, Mr. Shah noted that the constituency had earlier witnessed the terror and atrocities unleashed by Mohammad Shahabuddin, a former Lok Sabha MP, who is also a strongman convicted of kidnapping and murder. His son, Osama Shahab, is now an RJD candidate in the upcoming State election. Mr. Shah contrasted the RJD's choice of candidate with the BJP's decision to give a ticket to former IPS officer Anand Mishra in the Buxar seat.

Expressing confidence that the NDA will win the election, Mr. Shah said that people will celebrate the real Deepavali when results are announced on November 14, when Lalu's son Tejashwi Yadav would be "wiped out".

Doctor's death triggers anger against police

He said, "There was a lot of police and political pressure on her to make wrong post-mortem reports. She had complained about it multiple times, but it was not taken seriously. The accused should get the strictest punishment, and my sister should get justice."

Satara SP Tushar Doshi said, "The woman doctor died by suicide and a note was found written on her palm naming two people, including a police official. A case has been registered against them under charges of rape and abetment to suicide. The accused SI has been suspended from duty. Our teams are trying to locate both the accused. A thorough probe and stringent action will be taken."

Maharashtra State Commission for Women issued directions to the State police in the case. Rupali Chakankar, Chairperson of the Commission, said: "Maharashtra State Commission for Women has taken cognisance of the case. We have directed the police to search for the absconding accused immediately and conduct a thorough probe in the matter."

Assuring a detailed probe into the incident, Maharashtra Minister Pankaja Munde said, "Justice must be served."

The tragedy has triggered sharp criticism against the State government.

"Are we moving towards 'jungle raj'? We request Devendra Fadnavis to question his Ministers about the deteriorating state of law and order. Such incidents should not take place in the future. The accused should be put behind bars," Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Anand Dubey said.

Maharashtra Congress spokesperson Sachin Sawant said the case reflects a complete breakdown of law and order. "This incident raises grave concerns about the safety of women when those entrusted with their protection reportedly turn perpetrators."

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can seek help at TeleMANAS-14416)

Congress, BJP spar over OBC politics in poll-bound Bihar

Congress says Karpoori Thakur govt. collapsed the State in 1970s as Jan Sangh withdrew support over OBC reservation, while BJP accusing the Congress of 'humiliating' OBC leader Sitaram Kesri

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

On a day when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the village of socialist leader and former Bihar Chief Minister Karpoori Thakur in the poll-bound State, the Congress on Friday said Thakur's government collapsed in 1979 because the Jan Sangh withdrew support over reservation to Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

"Is it not an acknowledged fact that the Jan Sangh – from which the BJP emerged – brought down Karpoori Thakur *ji*'s Govt in Bihar in April 1979 when the then CM introduced reservation for OBCs? Is it not a fact that Karpoori Thakur *ji* was subjected to the vilest abuse by RSS and Jan Sangh leaders then?" Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh asked in a post on X. Mr. Ramesh also said that Mr. Modi, in April last year, had described those seeking caste census as "urban Naxals".

Rahul Gandhi pays tribute to former party president Sitaram Kesri on his death anniversary at the AICC office in New Delhi. PTI

"Is it not a fact that he and his trouble-engine sarkar in the State did nothing to provide protection to Bihar's 65% reservation law for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs, and EBCs [Extremely Backward Class] under the Constitution... – a protection that the Congress Govt had provided to a similar law in Tamil Nadu in Sept 1994?" Mr. Ramesh said.

Tributes and criticism

Keeping its focus on OBC leaders, the Congress paid homage to former party chief Sitaram Kesri on his 25th death anniversary, inviting criticism from the BJP. Rahul Gandhi, along with other leaders, paid floral tributes to Kesri at the party's 24, Akbar Road headquarters.

The All India Congress Committee (AICC) office on Akbar Road is the same place from where Kesri was removed as Congress president by the Congress Working Committee amid high drama. The coup against Kesri had paved the way for Sonia Gandhi to take over as party president in 1998. An OBC leader from Bihar, Kesri served as the Congress chief between 1996 and 1998.

In a post on X, BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said: "Time is a true leveller. Once upon a time, at instructions of first family of Congress, Sitaram Kesri was humiliated – his dhoti torn, [he was] locked up and heckled to clear the throne of Congress for Sonia Gandhi... Today Rahul pretends to pay respect because Bihar elections are close. Who are they fooling?"

The BJP leader also mentioned that the Congress had denied ticket to mountain man Dashrath Manjhi's son for the upcoming Assembly election.

"Rahul Gandhi has deep hatred for Biharis and OBCs – has he condemned comments of DMK or Revanth Reddy on Biharis? Has he said a word on Congress calling Bihar *beedi*? Did he condemn PM Modi's mother being abused by Congress, RJD?" Mr. Poonawala asked.

SC to hear contempt plea over lawyer's attack on CJI Bench

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday a petition filed by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) seeking criminal contempt action against advocate Rakesh Kishore for hurling an object, which appeared to be a rolled-up sheaf of papers, at Chief Justice of India B. R. Gavai who was presiding in court on October 6.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi will hear the SCBA petition, which will be represented by president and senior advocate Vikas Singh.

Mr. Singh had earlier made an oral mentioning before Justice Kant, apprising the latter that Attorney General R. Venkataramani had consented to the initiation of contempt proceedings.

However, Justice Kant had observed that Mr. Kishore's act was not worth dwelling on, and it should be allowed to die a natural death.

Chief Justice Gavai had himself brushed off the incident as inconsequential and a "forgotten chapter", wondering whether further precious judicial time ought to be spent on the incident.

However, voices within the Supreme Court judiciary have expressed the opinion that the attack was an affront to the judicial institution itself, and the 71-year-old perpetrator should not be let off lightly.

The Bar Council of India (BCI) had earlier issued an interim suspension order against Mr. Kishore, who is enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi, under the Advocates Act, 1961 and the Bar Council of India Rules on Standards of Professional Conduct and Etiquette. The BCI order had related that Mr. Kishore had even removed his sports shoes and "attempted" to hurl them at the CJI Bench.

Prime Minister will lead parade on 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas parade near Kevadia in Gujarat on October 31 to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of the country.

Built around the theme of 'Unity in Diversity', the event will be held at Ekta Nagar, nestled between the Satpura and Vindhyachal mountain ranges in Gujarat where Sardar Patel's Statue of Unity was inaugurated in 2018, Border Security Force Director-General Daljit Singh Chaudhary said on Friday.

Unlike previous years when the parade was static, this year it will be a moving parade and will include tableaux from different States. The D-G added that the guard of honour would be given by women police personnel.

CRPF personnel show their skills during the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas parade in Kevadia, Gujarat in 2023. PTI

A government official said that the Chief Ministers of all States have been invited for the programme, while the public can attend by registering online.

Showcasing unity

The D-G said that the annual celebrations of the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on October 31 reminds the country of the pivotal role that Sardar Patel played in the formation of an independent India and uniting 562 princely states. October 31 is also the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

"This year, the parade will feature five Shaurya Chakra awardees from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and 16 Gallantry Medal winners from the Border Security Force (BSF). The CRPF personnel participated in anti-Naxal operations in Jharkhand and counter-terror operations in Jammu & Kashmir and the BSF personnel who will be part of the parade were part of Operation Sindoor on the western border," Mr. Chaudhary said.

Alongside the parade, a cultural programme organised by the Union Ministry of Culture will showcase 900 artists performing India's classical dances. "The parade will showcase the theme of how our country, despite having so many languages and different cultures, stands united," the D-G said.

"This year's parade will also feature a marching contingent comprising exclusively Indian breed dogs of the BSF. Indigenous dog breeds – Rampur hounds and Mudhol hounds – will demonstrate their skills. These breeds have made significant contributions as force multipliers during BSF operations and around 150 dogs are currently deployed for patrolling along the Pakistan and Bangladesh borders," the D-G said.

Assam to table report on 1983 massacre in Assembly

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

The Assam Cabinet on Thursday decided to table a report on the 1983 Nellie massacre in the November session of the State Assembly.

Over 2,000 people were killed in the incident, which occurred during the peak of the anti-foreigners Assam Agitation. "This report has not been tabled so far because the copy with the Assam government did not have the signature of the Commission's chairman," Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. The then government constituted the panel, headed by Justice Tribhuvan Prasad Tiwari, to probe the causes of the massacre.

Dalit man assaulted in Maharashtra; three held

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Three persons have been arrested after a 22-year-old Dalit man was allegedly abducted and subjected to brutal assault by a group of 11 individuals in Ahilyanagar district of Maharashtra on October 19.

According to the FIR, the man and his friend were standing near a hospital when Sambhaji Lande, who had prior enmity with the victim, arrived with a group. They assaulted him and his friend. They then took him to an undisclosed location, where the assault continued. The group allegedly urinated on the victim and hurled casteist slurs. They dumped him near a college ground after an hour. He was then hospitalised.

The police said they have invoked provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the SC/ST Act against the accused.

Victims and perpetrators of terrorism cannot be equated, says Jaishankar

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India on Friday cited Pakistan's attempts to protect at the UN Security Council the terror outfit that claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack to point out that the global body's work has been "gridlocked" in the absence of urgent reforms.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar criticised those equating victims and perpetrators of terrorism in the name of global strategy, in an apparent reference to hyphenation of India and Pakistan in the context of the dastardly terror strike.

Mr. Jaishankar was speaking at an event that celebrated the 80th anniversary of the UN.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar releases a commemorative postage stamp to mark 80 years of the UN in New Delhi. PTI

'All is not well'

In his remarks, the EAM said "all is not well" with the UN as its debates have become "increasingly polarised" and its working "visibly gridlocked".

"Any meaningful reform is obstructed using the reform process itself," he said. "Few examples are more telling about the challenges facing the UN than its response to terrorism. When a sitting Security Council member openly protects the very organisation that claims responsibility for the barbaric terror attack such as at Pahalgam, what does it do to the credibility of multilateralism?" Mr. Jaishankar asked.

"Similarly, if victims and perpetrators of terrorism are equated in the name of global strategy, how much more cynical can the world get? When self-proclaimed terrorists are shielded from the sanctioning process, what does it say for the sincerity of those involved?" he demanded.

Major blast averted; two men arrested for possible IS links

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Two young men, both named Adnan, one from Delhi and the other from Bhopal, were arrested by the Special Cell of the Delhi Police on charges of conspiring to carry out a blast in a crowded area in Delhi around Deepavali. Police said the two had links to the banned terror group IS and were running a propaganda platform on social media to recruit supporters.

While Mohammed Adnan was arrested on October 16, Adnan Khan was arrested on October 18 from Bhopal.

"We have found that they were planning to hold a blast in a mall and a public park in South Delhi. We have recovered a photograph of the area from them, along with laptops and pen drives containing evidence of their plans," Additional Commissioner, Special Cell, Pramod Khushwaha said.

"The accused were presented before the local court within 24 hours of their arrest following which they were taken into a week's police custody," Mr. Khushwaha told *The Hindu*. "On Friday, the court extended the police remand for four more days," he added.

Investigators said the suspects had surveyed the sites and collected materials to make improvised explosive devices (IEDs). The police have also recovered videos of Mohammed Adnan taking a vow of allegiance to IS terrorist leader Abu Hafs al-Hashmi al-Quaryshi.

The police raided multiple locations in Delhi and Madhya Pradesh to dismantle the inter-State module. With the information gathered over time, the Special Cell was able to make the preemptive arrests, Mr. Khushwaha said.

BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION

It was a mistake to join hands with RJD: Nitish

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Friday said the State was making progress with generous help from the Narendra Modi government at the Centre and urged the people to vote for the NDA in the Assembly election.

Addressing a rally in Samastipur district, Mr. Kumar lambasted RJD president Lalu Prasad, whom he did not mention by name, for misgoverning the State and "making his wife the Chief Minister when he had to step down".

"He [Prasad] has not mended his ways. After having propped up his wife, he is now busy backing sons and daughters. I had brief alliances with his party, only to realise that it was a mistake and I was better off in the coalition I had been a part of since the beginning," said the JD(U) president. PTI

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar speaks at an election campaign rally in Samastipur district.

Kishor backs rebel candidate in Gopalganj

Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor on Friday announced his support for BJP dissident and Independent candidate Anup Kumar Srivastava in Gopalganj, alleging that his own nominee Shashi Shekhar Sinha withdrew from the contest under pressure from the BJP. Mr. Kishor made the announcement at a press meet, making it clear that the case of Mr. Srivastava was an "exception" to the rule followed by his party, which did not give ticket to disgruntled elements from other parties who joined the Jan Suraaj Party just ahead of election. "Srivastava, a well-known social worker in Gopalganj, has also served as district BJP president. He says that the party overlooked his claim to instead field a person with deep pockets," Mr. Kishor said. PTI

"They are calling themselves the *Mahagatbandhan*. But, there is neither *gat* nor *bandhan* in the alliance. Their only purpose is to acquire power

JYOTIRADITYA SCINDIA
Union Minister

CPI(ML) to hold *sankalp yatra* in Bhojpur area

The CPI(ML) Liberation will carry out a *sankalp yatra* in the Bhojpur area on October 26 to mark the 15th death anniversary of Dalit leader Ram Naresh Ram, and will also launch its manifesto, sources said. The *Sankalp Patra* will be a guarantee for implementing the manifesto of the grand alliance, they said. PTI

"The govt. says it did so much for development. But that is limited to roads, bridges, Metro... nothing has changed in the villages, where the poor live

VEENA DEVI
RJD nominee for Mokama seat

Youngest player: BJP candidate Maithili Thakur at her home in Shankarpur. AMARNATH TEWARY

A new stage: BJP's surprise pick from Alinagar banks on her fame as singer

Amarnath Tewary
ALINAGAR (DARBHANGA)

Playback singer Maithili Thakur, trained in Indian classical and devotional music, turned 25 on July 25 this year. Three months later, she is in a different field altogether as she contests the Assembly election from Alinagar constituency in Darbhanga district as a surprise Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) nominee.

Ms. Thakur, the youngest among the candidates in Bihar this time, hails from Benipatti in neighbouring Madhubani district. "Even on my birthday this year, I had no inkling of contesting the poll. It was in August when I got a call from senior State BJP leader and Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai*ji* to come to Patna, where I met the party's Bihar in-charge Vinod Tawde*ji*. Again, I came to Delhi and six days later, I got a call to come to Patna, where I was told to contest the poll from Alinagar... Meanwhile, the State BJP leaders kept telling me that I may be the party contender," Ms. Thakur told *The Hindu* at her maternal grandfather's house in Shankarpur under Adhaloaam panchayat of Alinagar constituency.

"In between meeting senior BJP leaders and getting the party ticket, I was heavily trolled on social media for saying something inadvertently to mediapersons, which was really a nightmare," she said.

Wearing a green silk suit with a neatly wrapped *dupatta*, she attended to visitors in the courtyard of the modest house. One of her younger brothers, Rishav Thakur was seen assisting her with the campaign arrangements.

Her father, Ramesh Kumar Thakur, sat quietly nearby. "This is the first time we are experiencing such things in life. I have been a musical artist and taught my children only that... I am still struggling in life," he said. He recalled leaving Benipatti in 1995 to teach music in Delhi. "When Maithili and her brothers were born, I decided to teach them music instead of focusing on regular studies. And see where they have reached now," he said.

Priorities as an MLA

Asked about her priorities as an MLA and why she chose the BJP, Ms. Thakur said, "Since several top BJP leaders have earlier invited me to sing folk and devotional songs at the party's cultural events, I knew them personally and when they offered me the party ticket, I could not resist."

"To introduce Mithila painting as an extracurricular activity in schools, to do something to better education, especially for girls, and [to provide] employment to youth would be my priorities once I become an MLA," she said, thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "considering her to become a party contestant". "He is my idol politician for his vision and everything... I am impressed with him," she added.

Ms. Thakur has been fielded from Alinagar after the BJP denied ticket to sitting MLA Mishri Lal Yadav, who resigned from the party on October 11. Mr. Yadav had won the seat in 2020 on a Vikassheel Insaan Party ticket and later joined the BJP. In May 2025, he was sentenced to imprisonment for two years in a 2019 criminal case. He later secured a bail from the Patna High Court.

Voting on November 6

In 2010 and 2015, RJD leader Abdul Bari Siddiqui had won from Alinagar. Ms. Thakur now faces RJD candidate Binod Mishra.

Alinagar is a Brahmin-dominated constituency, with a sizeable population of Muslims, Yadavs, and Extremely Backward Classes such as Mallahs and Paswans. "People recognise Maithili's face as she has been brand ambassador for several products... There is no contest, we will win the election," her maternal uncle Nand Kishore Jha said. Alinagar will vote in the first phase on November 6.

Shahabad struggle: NDA prepares to regain lost ground in former bastion

While the alliance won 19 of 22 seats in the 2010 election, its tally dropped to just two seats in 2020 in the region where political dynamics is heavily influenced by the Kushwaha and Rajput communities; this time, the BJP is contesting nine seats, the JD(U) eight, the RLM two, and the LJP (RV) three

IN FOCUS

Amit Bhelari
SASARAM

The coming Assembly election presents a major test for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the Shahabad region of Bihar, a former stronghold where its performance has declined sharply in recent years.

The region comprises four districts – Rohtas, Buxar, Kaimur, and Bhojpur – which together account for 22 Assembly constituencies.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) managed to win only two seats – Ara and Barhara – in the 2020 Assembly election, while alliance partner Janata Dal (United) failed to open its account.

The BJP is making concerted efforts to reclaim lost ground in a region where the NDA won 19 of the 22 seats in the 2010 election. The alliance's decline began in 2015 after JD (U) leader Nitish Kumar joined hands with Rashtriya Janata Dal chief Lalu Prasad.

Despite contesting the 2020 Assembly election in alliance with the JD(U), the BJP secured only two seats.

In 2010, the NDA registered a landslide victory, winning 206 of the 243 Assembly seats in Bihar. The JD(U) contested 141 seats and won 115, while the BJP won 91 of the 102 seats it contested. In 2015, the RJD-JD(U)-Congress alliance captured 15 of the 22 seats in the Shahabad region.

In 2020, the NDA won two of the seven Assembly seats in Bhojpur, while the *Mahagatbandhan* (grand alliance) took five. Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MLA Mohammad Jama Khan, who won from Chainpur in Kaimur district, later joined the JD(U) and is contesting again from the same seat.

The BJP's recent organisational moves indicate efforts to strengthen its presence in the region. Over 100 leaders have been inducted into the party's Working Committee, and several rebel leaders have been accommodated in the State Committee. Local leaders from Shahabad have also been given representation in commissions and boards.

Kushwahas and Rajputs

The region's political dynamics is heavily influenced by the Kushwaha and Rajput communities. In 2024, the NDA lost all four Lok Sabha seats in the Shahabad belt – Buxar, Karakat, Sasaram, and Ara – mainly due to a division of votes between these two groups.

The Kushwahas, the second-largest bloc among the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) after the Yadavs, are crucial to the NDA's prospects. However, Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) leader Upendra Kushwaha, a strong candidate from the community, finished third in the 2024 Lok Sabha election due to a split in votes caused by Independent candidate Pawan Singh. In Ara, Union Minister and Rajput leader Raj Kumar Singh was also defeated. To consolidate support, the BJP has allotted six seats to the RLM despite the party not holding a single seat in the current Assembly. Two of these seats – Dinara and Sasaram – fall within Shahabad.

JD(U) national president and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has also sought to consolidate Kushwaha support by nominating Bhagwan Singh Kushwaha, a prominent leader from the region, to the Bihar Legislative Council following the 2024 Lok Sabha election. He has also been fielded from the Jagdishpur Assembly seat in Bhojpur.

To strengthen its hold among Rajputs, the BJP has inducted Bhojpuri actor Pawan Singh into the party. Although he is not contesting the election, Mr. Singh has been named as one of the BJP's 40 star campaigners. The BJP believes that the inclusion of Mr. Kushwaha and Mr. Singh under the NDA banner could prevent the vote division witnessed during the Lok Sabha election.

In Kaimur district, the NDA has also attempted to recalibrate its social equation. The alliance failed to win any of the four seats in the district in 2020. This time, the BJP has fielded Bharat Bind and Sangeeta Kumari, both former RJD MLAs, from Bhabua and Mohania, respectively.

In Buxar, the BJP has fielded former IPS officer Anand Mishra, who had contested unsuccessfully from the Buxar Lok Sabha seat in 2024 against the RJD's Sudhakar Singh. In the Sasaram constituency, the BJP has fielded Snehlata, wife of Mr. Kushwaha. The seat is witnessing a triangular contest, with the RJD fielding Satendra Sah, who was arrested on October 20 soon after filing nomination papers, and Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party fielding Rajput candidate Binay Singh.

Buxar and Bhojpur will go to the polls in the first phase on November 6, while Kaimur and Rohtas will vote in the second phase on November 11. Of the 22 seats in the region, the BJP is contesting nine, the JD(U) eight, the RLM two, and the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) three.

On the Opposition front, the RJD has fielded candidates in 11 seats, followed by the Congress and the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation in four each, while the CPI and the Vikassheel Insaan Party have one candidate each.

A political timeline

The Shahabad region comprises four districts — Rohtas, Buxar, Kaimur, and Bhojpur

Seeking votes: Last month, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary had met BJP workers at Dehri in the Shahabad region. PTI

22 The number of Assembly seats in the region

- In the 2015 election, the **NDA's decline began.** That year, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)-JD(U)-Congress alliance captured 15 of the 22 seats in the region
- In the 2020 election, the NDA managed to **win only two seats** — Ara and Barhara

'Will make Bihar number one State despite high rate of poverty, unemployment'

Amit Bhelari
AURANGABAD

A day after being selected as the Chief Ministerial candidate of the Opposition INDIA bloc, Tejashwi Yadav began his campaign on Friday by appealing to voters to give him one chance. Asserting that unemployment is the biggest enemy in Bihar, he claimed that he had generated five lakh jobs when he was Deputy Chief Minister of the State, and can do more if given an opportunity.

Bihar's per capita income is still the lowest in the country, despite Nitish Kumar ruling Bihar as Chief Minister for 20 years, and Narendra Modi holding the Prime Minister's post for the past 11 years, Mr. Yadav said.

"It really pains me to say that Bihar has the maximum poverty and unemployment in the country. Even migration in our State is the most and there are no industries or factories here. Crime has increased manifold and there is no action against it. Corruption is at its peak and I bet that no work is being done in the government offices without bribes," Mr. Yadav said, addressing a rally in support of RJD candidate Yusuf Salahuddin in the Simri Bakhtiyarpur Assembly seat in Saharsa. He explained that people migrate from Bihar for three reasons: studies, jobs, and better medical services.

Face of opposition: Tejashwi Yadav said that he does not make 'broken or false promises' nor does he speak 'nonsense'. ANI

Tejashwi Yadav said he had generated five lakh jobs when he was the Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar

'Will keep promises'

The RJD leader insisted that he does not make "broken or false promises" nor does he speak "nonsense".

"I will do what I have said, and I will say what I will do. My aim is to make Bihar number one. If I become the Chief Minister of Bihar, I will make the 14 crore Biharis *chinta mukt* (tension free)," he added.

Mr. Yadav claimed that whenever the Prime Minister visits Bihar, he comes wearing the "glasses of hatred" and with the resolve to break his own record for "lying".

"During the 20 years of NDA rule, 20,000 innocent people have been brutally murdered in Bihar under the protection of the ruling party. The Centre's data on unemployment confirms this. Now two Gujaratis, in collusion with the Bhunja Party [a group of close associates of Nitish Kumar], are hatching a deep conspiracy to defame Bihar and enslave it," he said.

In Darbhanga's Keoti, he asked who the CM candidate of the NDA was. He alleged the BJP has hijacked the Chief Minister and was not allowing him to take any decisions of his own.

Manifesto of grand alliance to prioritise law and order situation, curbing migration

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Depoliticisation of the police force, a transparent process for appointing station in-charges, and measures to strengthen law and order are among key focus areas of the common manifesto drafted by the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)-led *Mahagatbandhan* (grand alliance) in Bihar.

The manifesto is likely to be released soon after Chhath Puja next week, said a source aware of the developments.

The grand alliance plans to highlight what it calls the current "goonda raj", citing recent high-profile crimes, including the murder of businessman Gopal Khemka in Patna three months ago.

The emphasis on law and order is intended to counter the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) charge that Bihar under RJD leader Lalu Prasad was synonymous with "jungle raj". "Our manifesto will highlight the goonda raj, as the word goonda itself has 'NDA' in it. It will also outline specific steps to strengthen law and order," the source told *The Hindu*.

Beyond political messaging, the stress on law and order is also meant to reassure industry that investments would be safe if the alliance comes to power. Creating employment opportunities and curbing *palayan* (migration for jobs) by developing manpower-intensive sectors such as health and education is another major priority.

United fight: *Mahagatbandhan* leaders during a joint press conference in Patna. ANI

In a Facebook post on Thursday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said Bihar's youth are hardworking and capable but "systemic and government failures are shattering their dreams".

"When youth, already suffering from unemployment and migration, find a sliver of hope for jobs, they are dashed by leaked exam papers. And when they demand justice, they are met with indiscriminate *lathi*-charge," Mr. Gandhi said. "..We will take every necessary step to protect the rights of youth and their bright future," he added.

The social justice plank also features prominently, with *Mahagatbandhan* leaders releasing an *Ati Pichhda Nyay Sankalp Patra* for the Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs).

Key pledges include enacting an EBC Atrocities Prevention Act, increasing EBC reservation in local bodies from 20% to 30%, removing the 50% reservation cap through a Ninth Schedule law, and making the "Not Found Suitable" clause illegal.

The alliance also promises land for landless EBCs, reservation in private education and government contracts, a caste census, and a Reservation Regulatory Authority to oversee quotas.

INBRIEF

HC withdraws protection granted to Bengal BJP leader

The Calcutta High Court on Friday lifted a protection granted to West Bengal Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Suvendu Adhikari against registration of FIRs against him. Justice Jay Sengupta lifted the protection while ordering quashing of 15 FIRs against Mr. Adhikari. As per the earlier order by Justice Rajasekhar Mantha in December 2022, the permission of Calcutta High Court was necessary before lodging an FIR against the Nandigram MLA. He also directed the transfer of investigation in four cases registered against BJP leaders to a joint special investigation team (SIT) comprising officials of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the State police.

Delhi Police arrest kingpin of inter-State drug cartel

The kingpin of an inter-State drug syndicate was arrested by the Delhi Police crime branch for being allegedly involved in smuggling hybrid ganja into India through international cargo consignments routed via Mumbai and Delhi airports. A native of Kozhikode in Kerala, Zamjith alias Samjhu, 38, was operating the syndicate from Thailand, the police said on Friday. Three members of the syndicate were arrested in July this year. "After finishing his Class 12 from Kozhikode, he went to Cambodia on a work visa, where he resided for around nine years and engaged in tobacco trade."said Pankaj Kumar, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Crime-IV.

Gyan Bharatam Mission to ink pact with institutes

It is a flagship initiative of Culture Ministry for identifying, digitising, preserving, and promoting India's manuscripts; the institutes will be categorised as cluster centres and independent centres

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The Gyan Bharatam Mission on manuscripts, under the Union Culture Ministry, will on Saturday sign Memorandums of Understanding with around 20 institutes across the country for conservation, upkeep, and digitisation of manuscripts.

While the 20 institutes will sign the MoUs on Saturday, 30 more will do so over the next few days, a senior official of the Union Culture Ministry told *The Hindu*. Some of these institutes are Asiatic Society Kolkata, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayagraj, and Government Oriental Manuscript Library, Chennai.

Gyan Bharatam is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Culture for identifying, documenting, conserving, digitising, preserving, and promoting India's vast manuscript heritage.

It was announced during the Union Budget this year.

Preserving history: The mission is an initiative to identify, document and digitise India's vast manuscript heritage. FILE PHOTO

The mission's mandate is to preserve and establish a dedicated digital platform – known as the National Digital Repository (NDR) – to share India's manuscript heritage worldwide.

The institutions set to sign MoUs have been categorised into cluster centres and independent centres.

In the case of a cluster centre, the institution shall be responsible for executing all manuscript-related activities of its own centre, as well as those of its designated cluster partner centres, which shall not exceed 20. In the case of the independent centres, the institution shall be responsible for executing all manuscript-related activities pertaining solely to its own collection.

Gyan Bharatam shall provide the overarching framework, guidance, monitoring, and support for the execution of activities under this partnership. In addition, it shall also provide funding, necessary equipment, and budgetary allocations to the designated Centres, subject to approval of work plans, milestones, and quality verification.

The various activities to be provided by the institutes with GB's support have been categorised into survey and cataloguing, conservation and capacity building, technology and digitisation, linguistics and translation, research, publication, and outreach.

The centres have also been asked to constitute a dedicated Gyan Bharatam Cell experienced in each vertical, in the spirit of voluntary service, to represent the Centre with sincerity, while also serving as a vital channel of communication to foster collaboration and ensure smooth coordination.

Funds in instalments

As far as finances are concerned,funds shall be released in phased instalments in accordance with the implementation schedule and milestones outlined in the approved work plan.

The first instalment (70%) shall be disbursed upon the annual budget, the second (30%) instalment shall be released only upon submission of progress reports, detailed financial report, submission of utilisation certificates (UCs) and other important documents.

Rajnath meets Army commanders, reviews security situation

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reviewed the security situation and operational preparedness of the Army during the Army Commanders' Conference in Jaisalmer, followed by visits to the forward areas of Tanot and Laungewala in Rajasthan on Friday.

During the conference, detailed deliberations were held with the senior leadership of the Army on key aspects, including grey zone warfare, the road map for synergy between the forces, *Aatmanirbharta* and innovation.

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, and all Army Commanders attended the meeting.

Defence doctrine

Addressing the gathering, the Defence Minister described Operation Sindoor as an embodiment of India's military prowess and national character.

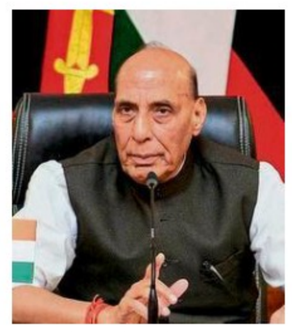
"Operation Sindoor will go down in history as not just a military operation but also a symbol of the nation's courage and restraint," the Minister said.

Emphasising that the mission against terrorism would continue "as long as even a single terrorist mindset remains alive", he added that the operation reflected a new strategic thinking – India responding to terrorist activity on its own terms.

"This is new India's defence doctrine, which embodies both resolve and courage," the Defence Minister stated.

Commending the Army's role in ensuring peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir post the abrogation of Article 370, he said the situation along the northern borders reflected India's balanced and firm foreign policy.

"Our policy is clear – there will be dialogue, and our readiness on the border will remain intact," he said.



Rajnath Singh at the Army Commanders' Conference. X/ @SPOKESPERSONMOD

Manipur Nagas declare restrictions ahead of Muivah's visit to Senapati

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The Nagas in Manipur have declared a 'Genna' in honour of National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN) leader Thuingaleng Muivah ahead of his visit to the State's Senapati on October 29.

Genna, in Naga culture and traditions, refers to restrictions to ensure maximum participation when a national holiday or an important day for the community is observed.

The NSCN is also referred to as the Isak-Muivah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, or NSCN (I-M).

The United Naga Council (UNC), the apex Naga organisation in Manipur, issued a statement on Friday, declaring 'Genna' in Senapati "on the occasion of the civic reception in honour" of Mr. Muivah, the Ato Kilonser or "Prime Minister" of the "government" run by the NSCN (I-M). The UNC referred to Senapati as Tahamzam, a Naga name.

(NSCN) leader Thuingaleng Muivah is scheduled to visit Senapati in Manipur on October 29. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Senapati, the headquarters of the Naga-majority district with the same name, is about 60 km north of Manipur's capital, Imphal.

The UNC said the 'Genna' requires all educational institutions and shops in Senapati to remain closed on the day of Mr. Muivah's visit.

The council also asked all community members to abstain from all other forms of economic and commercial activities, participate in community gatherings and programmes to celebrate the occasion.

Judicial panel to begin inquiry into Leh violence today

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The judicial commission constituted by the Union Home Ministry will start inquiring into the circumstances that resulted in violence and the deaths of four civilians during street protests on September 24 in Ladakh's Leh district.

An official said Justice B.S. Chauhan, heading the judicial commission, will start meeting people from October 25 in Leh. The probe panel will begin hearings at Melongthang, Leh, from October 25 to 28.

The Department of Law and Justice, Leh, urged interested and aggrieved persons "to record their testimony before the members of the judicial inquiry".

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Leh, has been directed "to monitor all the security measures to be taken concerning the Inquiry Proceedings scheduled to be held from October 25 and provide appropriate security at the location".

Four civilians were killed and around 90 were injured during the protests on September 24, fuelling tension and anger in the region. It was followed by the arrest of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk on September 26 and the imposition of several spells of curfew and internet outage. However, the Ladakh administration claims that the situation has normalised now.

The agitation resulted in two Ladakh-based bodies, the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), withdrawing from talks with the Centre. They later resumed talks.

EC warns parties against misuse of AI-generated content during elections

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the upcoming Bihar Assembly election, the Election Commission on Friday issued an advisory to all political parties on responsible use and disclosure of synthetically generated information and AI-generated content during election.

In a letter to the heads of all political parties, the poll body said that it had been brought to its notice that "the misuse of hyper-realistic synthetically generated information, including depicting political leaders making electorally sensitive messages, is contaminating the level-playing field in the electoral arena, disrupting fair and equal conditions for all political participants, which is a *sine qua non* for preserving the integrity of the political campaigning during elections".

The poll body had issued similar social media ethics rules in May 2024 ahead of the general elections

"The use of technology for creating, generating, modifying and altering information and publishing and transmitting synthetically generated information is a deep threat and challenge because of its ability to masquerade as truth and unwittingly trap political stakeholders into incorrect conclusions and therefore, ECI finds it particularly imperative to ensure that transparency and accountability are maintained to preserve electoral integrity and voter trust," the letter said.

Previous guidelines

The EC had issued detailed guidelines in May last year just before the general elections regarding responsible and ethical use of social media platforms, and an advisory, dated January 16, 2025, specifically addressing concerns around labelling of synthetic and AI-generated content used by political parties for election campaigning. The poll body asked political parties, candidates, and campaign representatives to ensure that any AI- generated or AI-altered image, audio, or video used or disseminated for campaigning purposes shall bear a clear, prominent, and legible label such as "AI-Generated".

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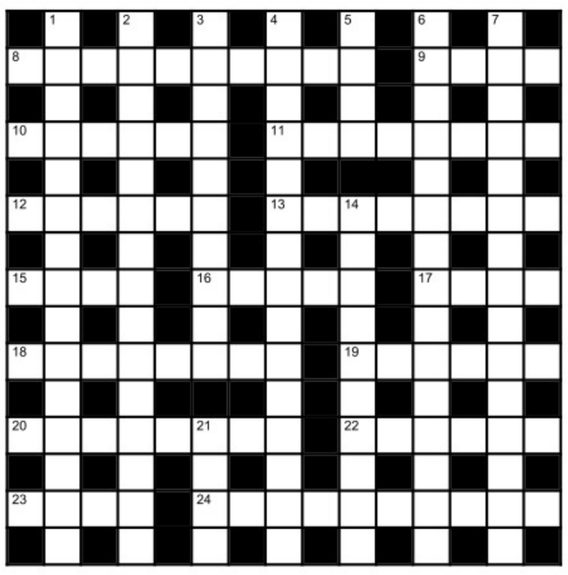

Across

8 Grubby, trapping feet and body odour, like partly cooked egg! (4-6)
9 Cheer hard to irritate! (4)
10 Get rifle right away and practise firing right! (6)
11 Idyllic beyond love expressed in words (8)
12 Big Brother's point about sixth sense (6)
13 Most fussy fellow, a duke wastes time (8)
15 Dumb, unemployed PI is man who pleases women well! (4)
16 What you spend in Bangkok action, perhaps for cohabitants (5)
17 Most impressive relation (4)
18 One new to party's given slack (8)
19 Travelling companion of a performer or a working cast (6)
20 Fail commercially, avoid Spooner's ban (8)
22 Expand like Israel in say 1948 or 1967 (6)
23 Carries on and helps one going out for day (4)
24 Check number and trace actively (10)

Down

1 Questionable ethics of aberrant lads and doubters (6,9)
2 Fat shopper's card's lost! Has no money! (8,3,4)
3 Meeting organised about lender England exiled (5,5)
4 Help goofiest nut stupidly saying something without wanting to! (4,2,3,6)
5 Wrong side of 15th May, maybe (4)
6 Yodel interrupted by yell, right inside kitchen area of ship used for target practice (8,7)
7 Last activists managed getting it - important data on population (5,10)
14 Slanders late princess with small list of people who made a specific film (10)
21 Some chit chat for long (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Mylai, heaven on earth

Rishaba was a good king who ruled over Mylapore (in present-day Chennai) eons ago. He undertook severe penance, praying to Brahma. Pleased with his record as a just king and his fervent penance, Brahma was ready to grant him his wishes. While most would wish for longevity or moksha or wealth, Rishaba sought a selfless thing, said Tirukkudanthai Dr. Venkatesh. The king beseeched Brahma to make his kingdom an unparalleled one, akin to Amaravati in Devaloka. Brahma directed the celestial architect Viswakarma to oblige the king. Viswakarma then designed the area with ponds, tanks, trees, and laid-back houses. Lotuses bloomed in ponds, peacocks strutted around and there was a heavenly quality to the air. It came to be called Mayurapuri and later, Mylapore.

Later, a rishi by the name Mandaraka undertook severe tapas here, praying to Lord Muruga, who offered a darshan to the saint and smitten by the place decided to stay on there. The above narrative is found in Brahmandapuranam, when sage Narada asked Lord Siva about a place called Brindaranyam and the reason for its pre-eminent position. As per the ancient text, Mylapore was a vast area, with Siva telling Narada that a few hundred yards from Mayurapuri, as one travelled north, one would stumble into a tulasi forest, because of which the locality came to be known as Brindaranyam. Such was its sanctity that if people accidentally set foot in that area, their sins would vanish. Siva said even insects born in Brindaranyam would attain moksha, such being the vibe of the area, falling within Mayurapuri. No other place compares to Brindaranyam, the modern-day Tiruvallikeni (*alli*-lotus, *keni*-waterbody).

INBRIEF

Private sector activity eases to 5-month low in October: PMI

Growth in India's private sector eased to a five-month low in October as weaker demand and rising output prices weighed on business optimism, a survey showed on Friday. HSBC's flash India Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, fell to 59.9 this month from a final reading of 61.0 in September and below a *Reuters* poll median forecast of 61.2. The flash manufacturing PMI rose to 58.4 from 57.7 last month. REUTERS

Federal Bank okays fundraise to Blackstone group entity

Federal Bank on Friday said its board has approved fundraising by issuance of preferential warrant worth over ₹6,196 crore to Blackstone group entity Asia II Topco XIII Pte Ltd. In a regulatory filing, it said the board has approved the grant of a special right to the investor to nominate one non-executive director on the board upon exercise of all the warrants and subject to the investor holding at least 5% of the paid-up share capital of the bank. PTI

Dr. Reddy's Q2 net profit drops a tad to ₹1,337 crore

Pharma major Dr. Reddy's Laboratories reported September quarter consolidated net profit declined marginally to ₹1,336.8 crore from ₹1,341.9 crore a year earlier. The lower net profit came on a nearly 10% increase in total revenue from operations to ₹8,828.3 crore (₹8,038.2 crore), results prepared as per Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) showed. The global generics share in the revenue increased to ₹7,823.5 crore (₹7,163.6 crore).

RBI may limit banks' market exposure

The regulator has proposed that the total direct exposure to capital markets and acquisition financing be capped at 20% of their tier-1 capital

Reuters
BENGALURU

India's central bank on Friday proposed limits to banks' lending against stocks, bonds in capital markets, and for corporate acquisitions to ensure that lenders keep such businesses in check.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a draft circular proposing that banks' total direct exposure to capital markets and acquisition financing be capped at 20% of their tier-1 capital, weeks after it said it would ease restrictions on funding mergers and acquisitions.

Earlier this month, the regulator allowed banks to fund acquisitions and raised the cap on loans for buying shares at initial public offerings, as part of a raft of measures to boost bank lending in the world's fifth-largest economy.

It had also permitted unfettered bank lending against listed debt securities, and raised the limit for

The RBI said that banks may finance a maximum of 70% of the deal value. REUTERS

lending against equity shares from ₹2 million to ₹20 million.

The RBI on Friday proposed that banks' aggregate capital market exposure, including direct as well as indirect exposure through funds and guarantees, among others, should not exceed40% of their tier 1 capital, and the exposure towards acquisition finance shall not exceed 10%. Tier 1 capital, the highest-quality capital of a bank, includes equity, retained earnings, and certain instruments that can absorb losses.

The changes allow domestic banks to lend for acquisitions by Indian corporates, a segment so far cornered by foreign lenders and credit funds.

In its proposed rules for acquisition finance, the RBI said that banks may finance a maximum of 70% of the deal value, with at least 30% to be funded by the acquiring company.

It said that commercial banks can offer acquisition finance only to listed entities that have a satisfactory net worth and been profitable for the last three years, adding that the loan should be fully secured by the shares of the target company.

NBFCs' risk-weight

Separately, it proposed revised risk-weight guidelines for non-banking financial companies' infrastructure loans, a move that could lower capital requirements for lenders financing established projects.

GX Group announces ₹500-crore photonics investment in India

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Netherlands-headquartered GX Group announced on Friday that it would invest ₹500 crore into photonics module development and manufacturing in India, backed by Invest International, a Dutch state-owned financing body, and SMART Photonics BV, another Dutch firm. Photonics are a key part of telecom networks and data centres, assisting the interface between computers and the fibre optic cables that carry data.

Advertising veteran Piyush Pandey passes away at 70

Lalatendu Mishra
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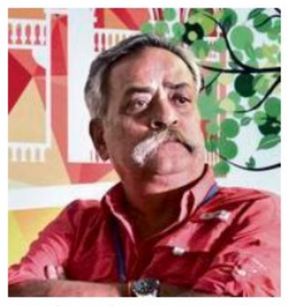

Piyush Pandey

Advertising industry veteran Piyush Pandey passed away in Mumbai on Friday owing to illness. He was 70. Mr. Pandey is survived by his wife and a large family.

The funeral is scheduled for 10.30 a.m. on Saturday at the Shivaji Park crematorium in Dadar.

The former chief creative officer, worldwide, and executive chairman of Ogilvy India was known to break Western influence on Indian advertising by popularising Hindi in ad films and taglines that caught the fancy of the masses.

He was credited with blockbuster campaigns such as the Fevicol bus ad, the fish catch ad for Fevikwik, Pug and Zoozoos campaigns for Vodafone, *Har Ghar Kuch Kehta Hay* campaign for Asian Paints, *Kuch Khass Hay* for Cadbury, *Chal Meri Luna* for Kinetic and the *Abki Baar Modi Sarkar* ad campaign for the BJP to name a few.

Born in Jaipur in 1955, Mr. Pandey did his schooling in the city and moved to New Delhi, where he did his post graduation at St. Stephen's College.

Moving to Mumbai in the early 1980s was a pivotal point that transformed his life. Encouraged by a friend who recognised his talent, he made the shift to advertising and joined Ogilvy Mumbai as a trainee account executive in 1982.

While working in client servicing, he would write taglines on the sly. His first one was for Sunlight detergent powder, a Unilever brand. Six years later, his talent was rewarded – he was officially moved to the creative department, from where he moved through the ranks.

Ground-breaking ads

In the past four decades, Mr. Pandey consistently delivered groundbreaking campaigns that not only captured the attention of millions, but also touched the hearts of people across the globe.

"His ability to seamlessly blend culture, storytelling, and brand messaging has resulted in advertising campaigns that are not just memorable but have become part of popular culture," according to Ogilvy.

"Piyush Pandey Ji was admired for his creativity. He made a monumental contribution to the world of advertising and communications. I will fondly cherish our interactions over the years. Saddened by his passing away. My thoughts are with his family and admirers," Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on X.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	84,212	-0.41
US Dollar	87.83	0.05
Gold	1,25,600	-5.13
Brent oil	66.43	0.51

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2504.20	-41.60
Adani Ports	1429.00	-24.10
Apollo Hosp	7837.50	-131.00
Asian Paints	2501.60	-0.80
Axis Bank	1241.90	-16.90
Bajaj Auto	9076.50	29.50
Bajaj Finserv	2159.50	-17.10
Bajaj Finance	1089.75	-4.40
Bharat Elec	422.05	3.40
Bharti Airtel	2029.30	21.40
Cipla	1584.40	-60.70
Coal India	394.05	1.40
Dr Reddys Lab	1283.60	4.20
Tata Motors CV	260.75	0.00
Eicher Motors	6840.00	-44.50
Eternal Ltd.	326.60	-1.75
Grasim Ind	2841.30	-23.30
HCL Tech	1523.80	-0.10
HDFC Bank	994.75	-14.05
HDFC Life	734.95	-8.70
Hindalco	824.45	32.05
Hind Unilever	2516.40	-85.20
ICICI Bank	1377.70	14.00
IntGlobeAvi	5779.00	-10.00
Infosys	1525.40	-3.10
ITC	416.80	0.85
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	305.95	-3.10
JSW Steel	1141.40	3.20
Kotak Bank	2187.00	-38.60
L&T	3904.90	-13.80
M&M	3625.00	1.40
Maruti Suzuki	16274.00	-119.00
Max Healthcare	1184.10	-26.90
NestleIndia	1282.00	9.20
NTPC	339.60	-3.05
ONGC	254.96	2.65
PowerGrid Corp	288.50	-1.15
Reliance Ind	1451.60	3.20
SBI Life	1839.80	-12.90
State Bank	904.50	-7.05
Shriram Finance Ltd.	715.45	5.80
Sun Pharma	1699.00	9.10
TataConsumerProduct	1155.30	-5.70
Tata Steel	174.44	0.28
TCS	3063.20	-10.00
Tech Mahindra	1453.70	-9.70
Titan	3714.90	-57.40
Tata Motors PV	403.30	-2.55
Trent Ltd.	4789.60	6.30
UltraTech Cement	11918.00	-227.00
Wipro	242.98	-1.32

SBI Life Q2 net drops 6.6%

SBI Life Insurance Company on Friday reported a net profit of ₹494.6 crore for the September quarter of the current fiscal (FY26), marking a year-on-year decline of 6.6%.

GST staff must rely on tech, not burden taxpayers, says FM

The Hindu Bureau
GHAZIABAD

Nirmala Sitharaman

Goods and Services Tax (GST) officials should rely on their own technology and systems rather than placing the onus of providing paperwork on the taxpayers, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told tax officials on Friday.

'Not just rates'

Speaking at the inauguration of the new CGST Bhawan here, she told tax officials their work did not end with implementation of the reduced GST rates.

"The GST Council has approved to make the GST registration process a lot more simpler, easier, seamless, and also more transparent," she said. "So technology and risk-based parameters must do the heavy lifting and not taxpayers. We do not want anybody from the field adding one more burden on the taxpayer or place onus on the taxpayer."

Taking stock of EU's curbs on Russian oil, refined products: RIL

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Following restrictions imposed by the European Union, the U.S. and United Kingdom on import of petroleum products refined from Russian crude, Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL), India's biggest exporter of petroleum products, said it was assessing the implications and would take corrective steps to comply with the sanctions.

"We have noted the recent restrictions announced by the European Union, United Kingdom and the United States on crude oil imports from Russia and export of refined products to Europe. RIL is currently assessing the implications, including the new compliance requirements," a company spokesperson said.

The company said it would comply with the EU's guidelines on the import of refined products into Europe.

"Whenever there is any guidance from the Indian Government in this respect, as always, we will be complying fully. Reliance has consistently aligned itself with the objectives of ensuring India's energy security," the company spokesperson added.

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Online bids are invited for the supply and installation of the following equipment for various Government healthcare institutions across Kerala

Sl. No	Tender No.	Description	Online Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date of Online submission
1.	T580/2025	MRI Scanner 1.5 Tesla Normal Bore (Helium Free), HDR Brachytherapy with Treatment Planning System, Mobile Digital Radiography Model B, Digital Radiography System Type B, Digital Radiography System Type C, Digital Radiography System Type D	06.11.2025 11.00 a.m.	20.11.2025 05.00 p.m.
2.	T581/2025	CT Scanner 128 Slice, CT Scanner 32 Slice, PCR Work station for Animal Husbandry, Refrigerated Incubator for Animal Husbandry, Refrigerated Micro Centrifuge for Animal Husbandry	07.11.2025 11.00 a.m.	20.11.2025 05.00 p.m.
3.	T582/2025	Preparative High-Performance Liquid Chromatography System with Accessories, Gas Chromatograph System- FID with Accessories, ICPMS with accessories, UV Visible Double beam Spectrophotometer, Integrated HPTLC system, Instruments for MICS (Minimal invasive cardiac Surgery), Instruments for VATS (Video assisted Thoracic Surgery), HD Imaging System for VATS	11.11.2025 11.00 a.m.	25.11.2025 05.00 p.m.
		Heel Prick sample collection kit for New Born Screening Programme, Advanced Electro surgical unit with Bipolar cutting and Coagulation, Cryostat Type C, Monocular Microscope with Inbuilt Light Source, VDRL Rotator, Tissue Flotation Bath, Hemocytometer with Counting Chamber, Fluorescence Microscope with Digital Camera, Bacteriology Incubator Model B, Heating Mantle 2 Litre, Double Distillation Unit,	N. A.	07.11.2025 05.00 p.m.
4.	T583(R)/2025	Hand Held Echo Cardiography, Operating Microscope with Dual Binocular Observance Port, Resectoscope 9 - 11Fr with accessories, Next Generation Sequencing System and Accessories, Hemoglobin HPLC Device for Newborn Screening, Isoelectric Focusing for Newborn Screening, Capillary Zone Electrophoresis, Muscle Stimulator Therauptic Model, Operating Head Light with Camera, Streak Retinoscope, Schiotz Tonometer, Immobilization shell-5 point, Automated field Analyzer (Perimeter), High Speed Centrifuge, Carbon Monoxide Breath Analyzer, MRI Compatible Ventilator, Dental Acrylizer, Microwave Oven, Bottle Warmer for Thawing Milk, Image Intensifier Fluoroscopy/ Radio diagnosis Unit, ELISA - Fully Automated, Retrieval Set for DDLT, Bottle Sealer with foil for Sealing Bottles, Exercise Table, Shower Trolley, Micro Needling and Radio Frequency, Intra Oral Digital Radiographic System Type B, FNAC Chair with Couch, Automated Tissue Stainer, Engaging 3rd Party for conducting the Performance review of Biomedical Equipment Maintenance & Management Programme in the State of Kerala, Circulatory Support System, Special Retractors and Instruments for doing Pelvi Acetabular Surgeries, Hand Held Autorefractokeratometer, Orbital Atherectomy System, Digital Vortex Mixer, AV Fistulla Set, Horizontal Electrophoresis Apparatus with all accessories, UV Transiluminator, Anaerobic Chamber Glove Box	N.A.	17.11.2025 05.00 p.m.

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O/o the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Wandoor, Malappuram
E Tender ID No.2025_KSEB_813201_1, PAC : Rs. 2,33,19,324/-, Last Date : 28.11.2025 04.00 pm
O/o the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Nilambur, Malappuram
E Tender ID No.2025_KSEB_813266_1, PAC : Rs. 2,99,39,730/-, Last Date : 28.11.2025 03.00 pm
Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in
Ref : PR/MC1/E583/E-tender/2025

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
THE PUDUCHERRY STATE CO-OP. CONSUMER'S FEDERATION LIMITED., P. 429.
No. PSCCF/C/Wheat/1704/2025 Dated: 24-10-2025
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF WHOLE WHEAT INDENTED FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION TO RATION CARD HOLDER OF UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS
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P. IYYAPPAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
MANGALAGIRI, ANDHRA PRADESH-522503
(An Autonomous Institute under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India)
File No. 522503/Adm/Notice/01 Dated : 22nd October 2025
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3.	Rehabilitation of Dhandhela Minor & Sub Minor of Nohar Canal System	1047.72 lakh	12 Months	WRN2526WLOB00315
4.	Rehabilitation of Shivdanpura Minor of Sidhmukh-Nohar System	553.88 lakh	09 Months	WRN2526WLOB00316
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(Sanjeev Verma)
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RAMALLAH

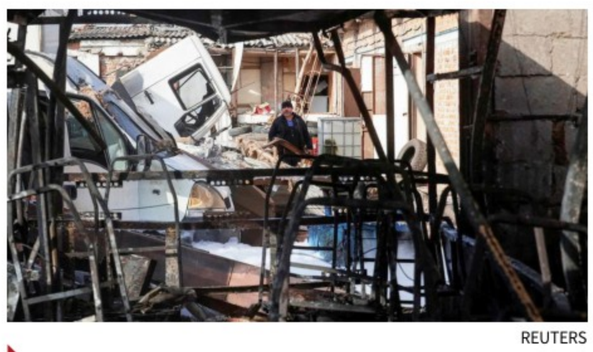
Marwan Barghouti's wife urges Trump to push for his release

AFP

The wife of high-profile Palestinian prisoner Marwan Barghouti, Fadwa Barghouti, appealed to U.S. President Donald Trump to help secure his release, her son said. Barghouti, 66, is serving multiple life sentences since 2002 for attacks on Israelis. Many Palestinians see him as a leader who could unite their national movement. AFP

MOSCOW

Russian army claims it captured four more villages in east Ukraine

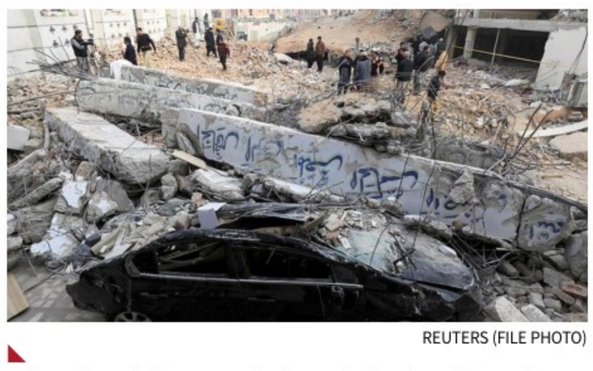


REUTERS

Russia on Friday said it captured four more villages in eastern Ukraine, the latest gains of costly metre-for-metre battles as the war enters its fourth winter. Army said it had taken control of Bolohivka in the Kharkiv region, Dronivka and Promin in the Donetsk region, and Pershotravneve in the Dnipropetrovsk region. AFP

PESHAWAR

8 TTP militants killed, 5 injured in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



REUTERS (FILE PHOTO)

Eight militants belonging to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) were killed and five others were injured on Friday during an intelligence-based operation in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, police said. The operation was carried out in the Wanda Sheikh Allah area of Lakki Marwat district. PTI

CARACAS

'No crazy war, please', Venezuela's Maduro says amid U.S. tensions

AFP

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro pleaded on Thursday against a "crazy war". Mr. Maduro's comment came after U.S. President Donald Trump said he had authorized covert action against Venezuela amid a military campaign targeting what Washington says are drug traffickers in the Caribbean and Pacific. AFP

Japan's new PM commits to higher defence spend, ties with India, Quad

Takaichi said she 'looks forward' to promoting the Japan-India Strategic and Global Partnership; 'in order to promote the main pillar of Tokyo's diplomacy, a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, India is a crucial partner,' says an Assistant Minister

Suhasini Haidar
TOKYO

In a dramatic announcement three days after she was sworn in, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi said her government will ensure that Japan's defence spending would increase to 2% of its GDP by March 2026, two years ahead of schedule, even as she pledged support for "security partnerships" like the Quad, which includes India. Ms. Takaichi, who said the government's first priority is to tackle inflation and boost fiscal spending, was addressing the Japanese Parliament, or Diet, in an inaugural speech about her agenda in office.

Ms. Takaichi, the country's first woman Prime Minister, also responded on Friday to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's congratulatory message on her appointment, saying she "looks forward" to promoting the Japan-India Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

"The free, open, and stable international order with which we have become familiar is being significantly shaken by historical shifts in the balance of power and intensifying geopolitical competition," Ms. Takaichi said, citing Russia, China and North Korea as "serious concerns" and promising to deepen Japan's "multilateral security consultations" involving the U.S., South Korea, the Philippines, Australia, and the Quad.

Taking stock: Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi attends the House of Representatives plenary session in Tokyo on Friday. AFP

In an interview to *The Hindu*, Assistant Minister and Spokesperson at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Toshihiro Kitamura said India was a "unique" country for its leadership of the Global South, and that Ms. Takaichi was committed to following former PM Shinzo Abe's lead on the Indo-Pacific.

Crucial partner

"In order to promote the main pillar of the Japanese diplomacy, a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, India is a crucial partner. Prime Minister Takaichi is fully committed to promote further cooperation with India," Mr. Kitamura said.

In the parliament speech, Ms. Takaichi also ordered a review of Japan's National Security, Strategic and Defence plans that included the commitment on raising defence expenditure.

Japan's GDP last year was about $4 trillion (591 trillion Yen), and according to the National Security Strategy documents issued in 2022, defence spending was due to reach 11 trillion Yen, or 2%, only by the end of the financial year in 2027. The announcement on defence spending and the Indo-Pacific is significant as it comes a day before Ms. Takaichi leaves for Malaysia where she will meet with counterparts from ASEAN countries on October 26, and then will return to prepare for U.S. President Donald Trump's three-day visit to Japan beginning October 27.

Ms. Takaichi promised to elevate the Japan-U.S. relationship to "even greater heights". It remains to be seen whether Ms. Takaichi will also raise the Quad and scheduling the Summit due to be held in India later this year, which has been stalled due to India-U.S. tensions on trade issues.

Ms. Takaichi called Japan's population decline its "biggest problem", and struck a sharp note on immigration, suggesting controls on foreign nationals working in the country, including restrictions on land acquisition by them.

Ms. Takaichi gave the parliament address after appointing her Cabinet, which includes several faces familiar to New Delhi. Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi was a minister in the Shinzo Abe cabinet (2017-19), while Internal Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi was the Foreign Minister (2021-23), under former PM Fumio Kishida, and travelled to Delhi for the G20 and Quad Foreign Minister's meeting. Meanwhile, 44-year-old Defence Minister Shinjiro Koizumi is the son of former Japanese PM Junichiro Koizumi, who travelled to India in 2005 to reset ties, set off strategic talks and launched the practice of annual summits with PM Manmohan Singh.

(The correspondent is in Japan at the invitation of the Japanese Foreign Ministry)

India opposed to any move that may affect truce in Gaza

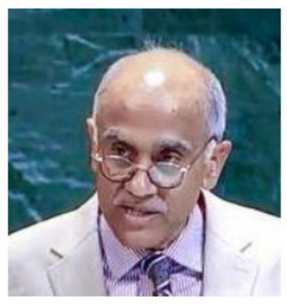
Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

A day after the Israeli Knesset passed a preliminary Bill on annexation of the West Bank, India reiterated that it opposes any "unilateral" moves that has the potential to dismantle the peace initiative of U.S. President Donald Trump.

Speaking at the UN Security Council's Quarterly Open Debate convened by Russia, India's Permanent Representative at the United Nations P. Harish said India's position is based on its assessment of the "overall Palestinian question" and emphasised that food and other requirements "must flow into Gaza in an unimpeded manner".

"The landmark initiative of the United States has generated diplomatic momentum towards peace and all parties must adhere to their obligations in this regard. We also remain firmly opposed to any unilateral moves by parties concerned. Now is the time for all parties to support ongoing peace efforts, rather than to derail them," said Mr. Harish on Thursday.

The remarks came soon after the Knesset approved a Bill to apply Israeli sovereignty in the West Bank. The Bill titled "Application of Israeli Sovereignty in Judea and Samaria, 2025" was initiated by Member of Knesset Avi Maoz and was passed by a narrow margin. It was sent to the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee for discussion before being submitted for further votes.



P. Harish

Palestinian question

Mr. Harish did not refer to the Knesset's move but reminded that India's position is "firmly rooted in its consistent stance on the developments since October 7, 2023 as well as the overall Palestinian question."

"India has clearly condemned terrorism; stressed there must be an end to destruction, despair and suffering of civilians and sought the immediate release of all hostages; held that humanitarian assistance, particularly, food, fuel and other necessities must flow into Gaza in an unimpeded manner," said Mr. Harish who described President Trump's peace initiative as an "enabler and catalyst in this regard".

He said that India supports "inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, national independence and sovereignty" and that the two-state solution is the "only pragmatic path".

Mr. Harish highlighted India's recognition of Palestine in 1988 when India began advocating certain important elements of its policy for the Israel-Palestinian conflict – "a sovereign, independent, viable State of Palestine, living side by side in peace and security with Israel, within secure and recognised borders".

The Indian envoy said that the Palestinian people require support from the international community to "rebuild" their lives. He said peace in Palestine has regional implications and India seeks lasting peace in the region. He further reminded the Israeli and Palestinian stakeholders to "honour their respective commitments".

On the draw

Trump axes Canada trade talks over 'fake' ad featuring Reagan

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump on Friday doubled down on his decision to end trade talks with Canada over an anti-tariff advertising campaign, a sudden about-face soon after a cordial White House meeting with Prime Minister Mark Carney.

On his Truth Social network on Thursday, Mr. Trump vented fury at what he called a "fake" ad that he said misquoted former president Ronald Reagan discussing tariff policy.

Mr. Trump said the campaign – produced by the Canadian province of Ontario to be aired on U.S. television channels – was designed to "interfere with the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court," which is due to rule on his sweeping global tariffs.

Mr. Trump wrote that "the Ronald Reagan Foundation has just announced that Canada has fraudulently used an advertisement, which is FAKE."

The foundation wrote on X that the Ontario government had used "selective audio and video" from a radio address on trade that Reagan had delivered in 1987. It said the ad "misrepresents" what the former Republican president said.

Four dead after blast at train station in Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

A man detonated an explosive device at a railway station in northern Ukraine on Friday, killing three other people and dying of wounds he sustained, officials said.

Three women – a border guard and two civilians – were killed in the blast, Ukraine's border guard said in a statement.

"The explosion was carried out by a man during a document check in a controlled border area at the Ovruch railway station," the border service said on social media.

The man, 23, also died while being treated in an ambulance after the blast, it added.

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THE LEADER

India at the forefront of where women's cricket can go: Devine

EMMANUAL YOGINI

We've got to be realistic. We're not like India. We don't have one billion people. But I'm excited about where the future of the women's game goes, and I think India can be at the forefront of it, especially with the WPL — New Zealand skipper Sophie Devine after her team's hopes of reaching the World Cup semifinal ended.

FUTURE GOALS

Hopefully, we will be a stronger team by the next World Cup: Sana

AFP

We were good in bowling and fielding, but lacked in batting. The weather also didn't go in our favour. We definitely need more cricket after the World Cup. As a captain, these matches gave me a lot of boost. Hopefully, we will be a much stronger team in the next World Cup — Pakistan captain Fatima Sana.

HOPES BELIED

Early losses and plenty of mistakes hurt Sri Lanka, says Chamari

AFP

The expectations were high when we came to this World Cup. Unfortunately we lost the first game against India and another one to England. We've made a lot of mistakes — in the field, as a batting unit, and as a bowling unit. We're focusing on what we can do better in the future – Sri Lanka skipper Chamari Athapaththu.

FIT AND READY

Maxwell in Australia squad for last three T20Is against India

FILE PHOTO

Glenn Maxwell has been picked for the last three T20Is against India. **Australia squad:** Marsh (Capt.), Abbott (first three games), Bartlett, David, Dwarshuis (last two games), Ellis, Hazlewood (first two games), Head, Inglis, Kuhnemann, Owen, Philippe, Short, Stoinis, Zampa, Beardman and Maxwell (both last three games).

Pratika proves critics wrong with gritty ton

The opener and Smriti play a big role in India sealing the semifinal berth; the 25-year-old downplays her slow strike rate in the last few matches

ODI WORLD CUP

Shayan Acharya
NAVI MUMBAI

A home World Cup comes with its own set of challenges. And the last few weeks weren't easy for young opener Pratika Rawal as her strike rate had come under scrutiny.

However, the 25-year-old silenced the critics on Thursday with a gritty century, which helped India book a berth in the semifinals after defeating New Zealand by 53 runs via DLS method.

Making it count: Pratika notched up her maiden World Cup century in the key game against the Kiwis. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Dream start

While Pratika stamped her class, she also forged a record 212-run opening stand with Smriti Mandhana – India's highest in World Cups – to provide the team a dream start.

"I was not able to middle the ball as well as I could in the previous matches, but I am very happy that I kept my nerve. I just focused on everything that came my way," she said.

Unperturbed

Pratika made it a point to not dwell over the strike rate.

"There are certain templates that I like to play on. I have had a lot of discussions with the coaches.

"I have had (multiple) talks about how I can progress with my game (or) what is my contribution to the team.

"On that front, I just try to contribute whatever is best for the team," Pratika said.

Praika also revealed the frequent chats with Smriti helped her immensely.

"The whole conversation that happens when we are batting is the calculation part – how much to get in order to set up a big total and when we are chasing how to break it down into fewer parts so that we can make it easier," she added.

Another rainy day, another No Result

Kavita Menon
COLOMBO

The sore sight of players peering out of the dressing room had become a disappointing highlight of the last six Women's ODI World Cup 2025 matches at the R. Premadasa Stadium here.

And during the final fixture in the Lankan capital, between host Sri Lanka and Pakistan on Friday, it was no different.

The concluding clash was off to a rough start when a sudden downpour swept over the ground just 10 minutes before the toss.

After over three hours of tireless effort from the proactive groundstaff and a brief period of clear skies, play finally resumed, but for all of 4.2 overs, making this the fourth rain-affected match in the last six at this venue.

Sri Lanka's Chamari Athapaththu, after opting to bowl, expressed confidence in her bowling unit, including the addition of young Dewmi Vihanga. Pakistan too brought in two youngsters – Eyman Fatima and debutant Syeda Aroob Shah.

The new-ball pair, Malki Madara and Sugandika Kumari, bowled economically, keeping things tight as Pakistan openers Omaima Sohail and Muneeba Ali managed just one boundary and 18 runs before the rains returned once more.

What could have been an opportunity for some rising players to showcase their ability turned into yet another dull, damp affair.

However, in those 20-odd minutes of play, a moderately sized crowd cheered enthusiastically for the improved fielding efforts of the home side.

The No-Result meant Pakistan ended its campaign winless but with three points from washouts, while Sri Lanka, with a solitary victory, bowed out with five points.

The scores: Pakistan 18/0 in 4.2 overs vs Sri Lanka.

Toss: Sri Lanka. No Result.

Points table

	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
Australia (Q)	6	5	0	1	11	1.704
South Africa (Q)	6	5	1	0	10	0.276
England (Q)	6	4	1	1	9	1.024
India (Q)	6	3	3	0	6	0.628
Sri Lanka	7	1	3	3	5	-1.035
New Zealand	6	1	3	2	4	-0.490
Pakistan	7	0	4	3	3	-2.651
Bangladesh	6	1	5	0	2	-0.578

Q: Qualified

Australia and South Africa to battle it out for the top spot

Vivek Krishnan
INDORE

For teams that have qualified for the semifinals of the Women's World Cup, the conclusion of the round-robin phase presents a chance to fine-tune plans and refine the rough edges.

Australia and South Africa will aim to do exactly that when they go head-to-head at the Holkar Stadium here on Saturday.

As things stand, Australia occupies top spot in the eight-team standings with 11 points in six games.

The South Africans, led by opener Laura Wolvaardt, are second with 10 points.

The winner of the joust will finish first and get to face the fourth-placed team in the semifinals.

Interestingly, this isn't a match-up backed by rich history.

Lopsided record

They have faced each other only 18 times in the 50-over format, of which South Africa has prevailed just once, and their last meeting came in February 2024.

But with South Africa getting the better of Australia in the semifinal of last year's T20 World Cup, there is anticipation of a closer contest unfolding in Indore.

For Australia, skipper Alyssa Healy's recovery from a calf strain is being monitored closely.

In Healy's absence against England, Tahlia McGrath took over the reins.

Day-by-day case

"Healy is still a bit of a day-by-day case. We'll see how it pans out," McGrath said at Friday's pre-match media interaction.

Big test: Bosch, with captain Wolvaardt, feels that South Africa has to get the basics right if it has to trouble Australia. R.V. MOORTHY

Today's Match

Indore, 3 p.m.

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Australia: 16 | South Africa: 1
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Played: 8
Australia: 8 | South Africa: 0

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While the defending champion eased past England on Wednesday to maintain its unbeaten run in the event, the 29-year-old admitted her side was yet to play the "perfect game".

If South Africa is to deny Australia, it would need Wolvaardt and the all-round duo of Marizanne Kapp and Nadine de Klerk to fire.

According to top-order batter Anneke Bosch, it is also about doing the basics right.

Best in the world

"Australia is the best team in the world. You have to do the basics really well," Bosch said. "If you can do that for longer, you can be successful."

Pakistan pulls out of junior hockey WC to be held in India

HOCKEY

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Pakistan has pulled out of the FIH Hockey men's Junior World Cup to be held in Chennai and Madurai from November 28 to December 10.

A press statement on Friday from International Hockey Federation (FIH) read, "We can confirm that the Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) has notified the International Hockey Federation (FIH) that they have not accepted the invitation to participate in the upcoming Junior World Cup, after their team had qualified for this event at the Asia Junior Cup last year. The team replacing Pakistan will be announced soon."

At a press conference held in Chennai last month, Dilip Tirkey, president of Hockey India, had said the sporting body was awaiting confirmation from Pakistan.

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> **DILIP TIRKEY**
> President of HI

"FIH and the Indian government have welcomed the Pakistan team as you can see their name in the fixtures, but we haven't received any confirmation from PHF yet. We are waiting," he had said.

PHF secretary Rana Mujahid said it had been decided in principle the national junior team will not travel to India due to the existing tensions between the two countries and it was conveyed to the FIH.

"We have urged the FIH to arrange for a neutral venue to allow us to participate and play our matches as missing out on major events because they are being held in India is hurting our hockey and not helping in the development of our players," Muhajid said.

Kohli under the scanner as Team India looks to avoid a rare whitewash

INDIA IN AUSTRALIA

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SYDNEY

The emotional quotient will be at an all-time high when an embattled Virat Kohli and his partner in many a battle, Rohit Sharma, figure in what could be their last appearance on Australian soil on Saturday.

While Rohit has earned some breathing space with a fighting 73 off 97 balls albeit in a lost cause, Kohli's back-to-back ducks, his first ever in the 50-over format, has made even his die-hard fans contemplate whether this is the beginning of the end.

Rohit first came here for the CB Series in 2007-08 while Kohli's maiden tour Down Under with the senior team was in the 2011-12 season when he made an instant impact with a Test century in Adelaide.

Whether Kohli, in particular, continues to play post-Australia series is a matter of conjecture but the final ODI at the iconic SCG will be more than a dead rubber.

Tough going: Kohli's back-to-back ducks has made fans contemplate whether this is the beginning of the end. AP

The Gautam Gambhir-coached Indian team looks to avoid a first-ever whitewash against Australia in a bilateral ODI series, which will certainly not look great although the World Cup is a good two years away.

To make matters worse, in the last five ODIs between India and Australia at the SCG, the Men in Blue have won only once.

Skipper Shubman Gill and Kohli are both due for a big knock and Gambhir will expect both to fire in the final game. Clinically outplayed in the last two games, a battered Indian team will be keen to revisit its template of shoring up the batting at the cost of compromising with bowling resources, especially ignoring a genuine match-winner like Kuldeep Yadav, who could have been more than a handful at the Adelaide Oval where the Australian batters struggled to read Axar Patel and Washington Sundar.

As far as the Australian team is concerned, it has started its journey towards the next ODI World Cup in earnest. The likes of Matthew Short, Mitchell Owen and Cooper Connolly have displayed admirable technique and lots of cricketing smartness when it has come to planning and execution under pressure.

The teams (from):
Australia: Mitchell Marsh (Capt.), Xavier Bartlett, Alex Carey (wk), Jos Inglis (wk), Cooper Connolly, Nathan Ellis, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Jack Edwards, Mitchell Owen, Josh Philippe, Matthew Renshaw, Matthew Short, Mitchell Starc, Adam Zampa, Matthew Kuhnemann.
India: Shubman Gill (Capt.), Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (wk), Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Nitish Kumar, Mohammed Siraj, Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh, Dhruv Jurel (wk), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Kuldeep Yadav, Prasidh Krishna.
Match starts at 9 a.m. IST.

Smashing success: Meteors were in command right from the start. SIDDHANT THAKUR

Torpedoes to take on Meteors in title clash

Sports Bureau
HYDERABAD

Bengaluru Torpedoes put in a resolute performance to defeat Ahmedabad Defenders 10-15, 15-11, 15-13, 15-13 and reach the final of the Prime Volleyball League at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium here on Friday.

The two teams started on an even footing, before Angamuthu Ramaswamy's block on T.R. Sethu helped the Defenders win a super point and take the lead. The Torpedoes rode on Sethu's super serve and Jalen Penrose's cross-body attacks to level the proceedings.

Service pressure from Penrose coupled with P.V. Jishnu's defensive work then put the Torpedoes in front. Joel Benjamin and Sandeep did well to completely shut down Battur Batsuuri. Despite a match point being saved, the Torpedoes held their nerve, with Joel's spike completing the win.

Earlier, Mumbai Meteors defeated Goa Guardians 15-8, 15-8, 16-14 in the first semifinal. The final will be held on Sunday.

Will Karnataka shed its timidness, get clinical and grab chances in home tie?

The southern giant has lacked a certain cutting edge of late and will be hoping to recover it when it takes on a sprightly Goa, rain permitting

RANJI TROPHY

N. Sudarshan
SHIVAMOGGA

For all its immense pedigree and wealth of talent, Karnataka, in recent times, has lacked a certain cutting edge.

Despite repeated forays into the Ranji Trophy knockouts, it boasts of no title since 2014-15, and on multiple occasions, it has failed to grab a game by the scruff of the neck.

Last week's season-opener against Saurashtra was the latest example, as it allowed the opposition to accumulate 58 runs for the last two wickets, gave away 35 extras and conceded a narrow four-run first-innings lead in the drawn encounter.

When Mayank Agarwal & Co. take on Goa at the KSCA Navule Stadium here from Saturday – the first Ranji match here since February 2020 – they will have to be clinical.

Key personnel: The return of pace bowling spearheads Vidwath Kaverappa and V. Vyshak should help Karnataka's cause. S.K. DINESH

The city is in the midst of a rainy spell and Karnataka will hope there is no repeat of last year when it could get just two points from the opening two matches because of inclement weather.

It has to make hay whenever the sun shines, and for this, the return of pace bowling spearheads V. Vyshak and Vidwath Kaverappa should help.

Leggie Shreyas Gopal, who produced career-best figures of eight for 110 and made a half-century (56) will look to keep up his dream start.

Devdutt Padikkal, who made a valuable 96 versus Saurashtra, will however miss the clash after being named in the India-A squad that will play South Africa-A from October 30 in Bengaluru.

Goa, which has returned to the Elite competition after a year in the Plate division, has warmed up well with an innings-and-75-run victory over Chandigarh.

It has drawn the last two matches against Karnataka, and will bank on the wisdom of pacer V. Koushik and assistant coach Dodda Ganesh, both formerly of the South Indian heavyweight.

In the recent Dr. (Capt.) K. Thimmappiah Memorial tournament, a red-ball competition organised by Karnataka, Goa was even a worthy semifinalist. Another creditable show will do it a world of good.

RANJI SCHEDULE - ROUND TWO

Elite: Group-A: Nagaland vs Tamil Nadu (Bengaluru), Uttar Pradesh vs Odisha (Kanpur), Andhra vs Baroda (Vizianagaram), Vidarbha vs Jharkhand (Nagpur).

Group-B: Chandigarh vs Maharashtra (Chandigarh), Karnataka vs Goa (Shivamogga), Saurashtra vs Madhya Pradesh (Rajkot), Punjab vs Kerala (New Chandigarh).

Group-C: Bengal vs Gujarat (Kolkata), Uttarakhand vs Railways (Ramnagar), Haryana vs Tripura (Lahli), Assam vs Services (Tinsukia).

Group-D: Pondicherry vs Hyderabad (Puducherry), Mumbai vs Chhattisgarh (Mumbai), Jammu & Kashmir vs Rajasthan (Srinagar), Delhi vs Himachal Pradesh (New Delhi).

Plate: Manipur vs Bihar (Nadiad), Meghalaya vs Sikkim (Shillong), Arunachal Pradesh vs Mizoram (Ahmedabad).

Healthy competition among spinners for spot in India team, says Ravi Bishnoi

Y. B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Hoping to return to the Indian team in the future, Ravi Bishnoi thinks a healthy competition is going on among spinners in the country at present.

Bishnoi said well known spinners such as Varun Chakaravarthy, Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav vying for spots in the Indian T20 squad was a good sign.

"It's a healthy competition. It's good for Indian cricket. If you see this type of competition, it means the team is going in the right direction. It's always good to compete with these guys," said Bishnoi, who is here to play for Gujarat in its Ranji Trophy match against Bengal.

"Whenever these guys give me a chance, I will try to take my place. I hope they do wonders in the Australia T20 series."

Bishnoi. FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

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Bishnoi is keen to don India colours during the T20 World Cup on home soil next year.

"There is a World Cup in India. It's a good opportunity for every Indian. If you are playing and winning it, nothing better than that.

"My mindset is that whenever I get a chance to play in the team, I will try to grab it," said Bishnoi, who last played for India in a T20I match against England in Mumbai in February.

Sarfaraz doesn't need India-A game to return to Test cricket, says Mumbai skipper Shardul

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

The cricketing fraternity has been divided over the omission of Sarfaraz Khan from the India-A squad for the home series against South Africa-A.

However, Mumbai captain Shardul Thakur made it clear that a seasoned campaigner like Sarfaraz does not need the India-A platform to prove his mettle.

"Nowadays, for the India-A side, they (the selectors) look at boys, who they want to prepare for international cricket. Sarfaraz doesn't need India-A game to play international cricket. If he gets back to scoring again, he can straight away go and play (the) Test series," Shardul said.

"He is coming from (an) injury lay-off. But before that, he scored two centuries in the Buchi Babu Trophy. And coming back against J&K in the previous match, he had a nice 40 (sic). It was very unfortunate to have gotten run out. I don't think playing India-A is important for him," Shardul said on Friday.

Sarfaraz. IMRAN NISSAR

In the last match that Sarfaraz played for India-A, he scored 92 against England Lions in Canterbury. While the series was a build-up to the five-Test series against England, the 28-year-old wasn't part of India's Test side.

And now, with the Indian team finding it difficult to look for a steady No.3 option, there have been suggestions that Sarfaraz should play higher up the order for Mumbai. However, Shardul insisted that there wouldn't be any tweaks to the already 'set batting line-up'.

However, he expected Sarfaraz to find his mojo as the Ranji Trophy season progressed. "He is a senior pro and he is someone who always delivers in crunch situations. He has big scores of 200-250s and those innings have come when the team was two or three down quite early in the inning. So, to play that kind of innings under pressure, you have to have something special in you. He has done it for years and years. Regardless of which number he bats, I think he will deliver," added Shardul.

Siege Courageous may score encore

MYSORE: Siege Courageous, who is in fine fettle, may score an encore in the Mysore Race Club Anniversary Cup (1,400m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (Oct 25)
False rails (width about 3m from 1,600m to the winning post) will in position.

1 HASTHINAPURA PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 1.30 p.m: 1. Break Away (7) Faiz 62, 2. Saffron Breeze (10) Sham Kumar 61.5, 3. Sian (4) A.R. Pradeep 61.5, 4. Armament (6) Abhishek Mhatre 61, 5. Pette's Choice (3) Prabhu Kumar 61, 6. Super Sexy (5) Pavan 61, 7. Queen Of Comebacks (9) Md. Imran Ashraf 59.5, 8. Alluring Beauty (2) P. Ajeeth Kumar 55, 9. Gentleman's Word (1) Shyam Kumar 55, 10. Astrologer (11) A. Baandal 54, 11. Dadmiral (12) Hindu Singh 53.5 and 12. Natural Fly (8) H. Rahul 53.
1. ASTROLOGER, 2. GENTLEMAN'S WORD, 3. ALLURING BEAUTY

2 SRI C. SASHACHALAM MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 2.00: 1. Gemini (2) J. Chinoy 62, 2. Double Vision (4) Pavan 61.5, 3. Proud (9) M.J. Gautam Raj 60.5, 4. Walter (12) R.N. Darshan 60, 5. Baltimore (8) K. Sai Kiran 59, 6. Fara (6) A.R. Pradeep 59, 7. Golden Bird (3) S. Imran 58, 8. Knotty In Blue (7) Ankit Pal 58, 9. Just Blues (10) Arvind Kumar 56, 10. Tigerking (1) P. Mani 56, 11. Abnegator (11) Gagandeep Maan 55.5 and 12. Mega Success (5) V.R. Jagadeesh 55.
1. DOUBLE VISION, 2. ABNEGATOR, 3. BALTIMORE

3 R.M. PUTTANA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only (Terms), 2.30: 1. Jade Mountain (1) Vinod Shinde 56, 2. Jyaalwin's Pride (3) Gagandeep Maan 56, 3. Ocean Of Grace (9) Hindu Singh 56, 4. Prince Of Wales (5) J. Chinoy 56, 5. The One And Only (4) Akshay Kumar 56, 6. Razzmatazz (7) P. Kiran Rai 54.5, 7. Sada (6) Abhishek Mhatre 54.5, 8. Silver Quest (8) H. Rahul 54.5 and 9. Supernal (2) Antony Raj 54.5.
1. SUPERNAL, 2. RAZZMATAZZ, 3. THE ONE AND ONLY

4 K.T. SHAMAIAH GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 3.00: 1. Little Minister (9) Aleemuddin 62, 2. Sea Of Adventure (1) Salman Khan 61, 3. Aurele (8) Abiishek Mhatre 59, 4. Ultimate Blues (5) Arvind Kumar 59, 5. Klimt (4) K. Sai Kumar 58.5, 6. Natural Warrior (7) Ankit Pal 55, 7. Words Worth (3) Hindu Singh 55, 8. Isabelle (10) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 9. Marenad Beauty (2) B. Darshan 51.5 and 10. Code Of Honour (6) A. Baandal 51.
1. LITTLE MINISTER, 2. ISABELLE, 3. KLIMT

5 H.P. VISWANATHAN MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 60 & above, 3.30: 1. Confident Game (12) Abhishek Mhatre 61.5, 2. Kanya Rashi (1) Antony Raj 58.5, 3. Vandhiyathevan (7) C. Umesh 57.5, 4. Forseti (4) Akshay Kumar 57, 5. Divine Art (8) Suraj Narredu 56.5, 6. Irish Coffee (2) L.A. Rozario 56.5, 7. The Golden Sunrise (5) Pavan 56.5, 8. Seolfor Bullet (3) Suhas K 55.5, 9. D Cold Star (11) K. Sai Kiran 54.5, 10. Natural Gold (9) Rajesh K 53.5, 11. Auspicious Queen (-) (-) 53 and 12. Grizzly (10) Afsar Khan 53.
1. DIVINE ART, 2. FORSETI, 3. KANYA RASHI

6 MYSORE RACE CLUB ANNIVERSARY CUP -2025 (1,400m), 3-y-o & over (Terms), 4.00: 1. Shamrock (7) Suraj Narredu 63.5, 2. Monteverdi (6) Neeraj 59.5, 3. Santorino (1) Akash Agarwal 59.5, 4. Siege Courageous (3) Antony Raj 59.5, 5. Tom Cruiser (5) Koshi Kumar 59.5, 6. Raise A Buck (2) P. Ajeeth Kumar 59 and 7. Snowfall (4) Yash Narredu 56.5.
1. SIEGE COURAGEOUS, 2. SHAMROCK

7 BOTTOLANDA MILTOO CHENGAPPA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 4.30: 1. Invincible (-) (-) 62.5, 2. Silver Spring (6) Ankit Pal 62, 3. Mystic Divine (4) Faiz 60.5, 4. Freedom Touch (1) Pavan 60, 5. Serdar (9) L.A. Rozario 57, 6. Sound Of Canon's (8) Gautam Raj 56.5, 7. Baashha (2) S. Sachin 55.5, 8. Blue Origin (5) P. Siddaraju 52.5, 9. Anigraha (10) Hindu Singh 51.5 and 10. Yukikaze (3) P. Ajeeth Kumar 51.5.
1. ANIGRAHA, 2. YUKIKAZE, 3. MYSTIC DIVINE

8 SHARAN LAKSHMANAN MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5.00: 1. One Diamond (6) Fai 62.5, 2. Theia (7) A. Baandal 60.5, 3. Maybury (11) Aleemuddin 58, 4. Seiko Katsu (9) C. Umesh 58, 5. Natural Look (4) Ankit Pal 57.5, 6. Dali's Gold (1) L.A. Rozario 57, 7. Miss Sultana (8) Abhishek Mhatre 55, 8. Kingsland (10) Gagandeep Maan 54.5, 9. Mastercraft (5) M. Prabhakaran 54.5, 10. Rock My Heart (3) H. Rahul 54, 11. Fashionista (12) Vinod Shinde 51.5 and 12. Golden Stride (2) Shyam Kumar 51.
1. MAYBURY, 2. THEIA, 3. NATURAL LOOK

Day's best: **SIEGE COURAGEOUS**
Double: **ASTROLOGER - ANIGRAHA**
Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Mini Jkt: 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Tr (i) 1, 2 & 3; (ii): 3, 4 & 5; (iii) 6, 7 & 8.

PKL playoffs set to begin from today

Ready for the big push: The captains of the teams in the playoffs will look to go the distance. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

The PKL-12 playoffs, which will be held here from Saturday, will be interesting to watch as a tweak has been made to the format.

Defending champion Haryana Steelers will take on Jaipur Pink Panthers in the opening match of the climactic phase while Patna Pirates will meet U Mumba in the second play-in.

The winners will figure in Eliminator 1 while Bengaluru Bulls will take on Telugu Titans in the mini-qualifier to be held the same day.

Eliminator 2 will pit the winner of Eliminator 1 against the loser of the Bulls-Titans match.

Eliminator 3 (October 28) will see the winner of Eliminator 2 play against the winner of the mini-qualifier, the winning team figuring in Qualifier 2 against the loser of Qualifier 1 (Q1). Q1 will witness the top two sides in the league battling it out.

The final is scheduled for October 31.

The league stage saw the introduction of tiebreakers for the first time, drastically raising the level of the competition this season. The matches culminated in a dramatic race for qualification.

Lakshya, Diksha and Shaina in quarterfinals

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
CHENGDU (CHINA)

India's Lakshya Rajesh, Diksha Sudhakar and Shaina Manimuthu stormed into the girls' quarterfinals of the Badminton Asia U-17 and U-15 Championships here on Friday.

The results: Pre-quarterfinals:
Girls: U-17: Diksha Sudhakar bt Pin Hsuan Chiang (Tpe) 21-19, 21-15; Lakshya Rajesh bt Lee Yun Seo (Kor) 21-16, 21-11.
Doubles: Aditi Deepak Raj & B.V. Ponnamma Vriddhi bt Lee Yun Seo & Park Yoo Jeong (Kor) 17-21, 21-15, 21-17.
U-15: Shaina Manimuthu bt Li Man Lin (Chn) 21-17, 21-16.
Boys: U-17: Jagsher Singh Khangurra bt Winson Choh (Mas) 21-12, 21-17.
Doubles: Charan Ram Thippana & Hari Krishna Veeramreddy bt Kosuke Shinohara & Hiroto Nakatsuka (Jpn) 21-14, 21-8.
U-15: Revan Adrilleo Saputra (Ina) bt Wazir Singh 21-19, 20-22, 24-22.

INBRIEF

Rybakina clinches the last remaining spot at WTA Finals

Elena Rybakina defeated Victoria Mboko 6-3, 7-6(4) in the Pan Pacific Open quarterfinal in Tokyo on Friday and clinched the last remaining spot for the WTA Finals. Rybakina will join the top-ranked Aryna Sabalenka, Iga Swiatek, Coco Gauff, Amanda Anisimova, Madison Keys, Jessica Pegula, and Jasmine Paolini for the lucrative WTA Finals in Saudi Arabia next month. Gauff beat Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen in last year's final and received $4.8 million in prize money.

Karman withdraws; Vaishnavi and Diya get wild card entry

India's Karman Thandi has pulled out of the qualifying rounds of the WTA 250 Chennai Open tennis tournament to be held at the SDAT-Nungambakkam Stadium on Saturday, citing an injury. Meanwhile, wild cards for qualifying have been given to Vaishnavi Adkar and Diya Ramesh of India. While Vaishnavi will take on Mai Hontama of Japan, the second seed, Diya will meet third seeded Arina Rodionova of Australia. The other two Indians, Riya Bhatia will take on Caroline Werner of Germany and Ankita Raina will challenge Mei Yamaguchi of Japan.

Hansika puts up strong show, makes 53kg semifinal

Hansika Lamba reached the 53kg semifinal while Neha Sharma used her repechage chance to enter the bronze medal race in the 57kg weight class at the U23 World Wrestling Championships, here on Friday. Priya Malik had won India's second medal of the tournament on Thursday night by bagging a bronze with a commanding 8-1 win over Mexican wrestler Edna Jimenez Villalba. Nishu (55kg), Pulkit (65kg) and Srishti (68kg) will also fight for bronze medals later. Hansika began with a 11-0 win over Victoryia Volk and followed that up with a 8-2 victory over Kazakhstan's Zeinep Bayanova. In the quarterfinal she came up with a technical superiority (10-0) victory over Uzbekistan's Dilshoda Matnazarova. Savita lost her 1/8th round 3-4 to Ukraine's Iryna Bondar.

ROUND-UP

Beagles gets the better of Mangalore
Achintya (22 points) and Pratham (22 points) powered Beagles BC past Mangalore BC 73-67 in the State 'A' division men's basketball league here.
The results: Beagles BC 73 (Achintya 22, Pratham 22) bt Mangalore BC 67 (Prastik 17); Bank of Baroda 108 (Anilkumar 18, Navin 14) bt JSC 63 (Santosh 20, Tyagi 10); DYES Bangalore 95 (Likith 25, Kushal 22) bt Vivek's SC 58 (Nithin 17, James 15).

Kickstart gets the better of Parikrma
Kickstart FC defeated Parikrma FC 2-0 in the KSFA Super Division football league here on Friday.
The results: Bangalore Dream United FC 3 (Hari Barman 55, 89, K. Larinfela 60) bt Bangalore City FC 1 (Mohammed Habeel 40); Kickstart FC 2 (C. Carlos 20, Borish Singh 29) bt Parikrma FC 0; FC Agniputhra 3 (R. Dhanush 40, Azfar Noorani 55, 57) bt United Stars FC 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: day 1, JioHotstar, 8.30 a.m.
Australia vs India: 3rd ODI, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 9 a.m.
Women's ODI World Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 7.30, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.
Formula One: Mexico GP (Qualifying), F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 2.30 a.m. (Sunday)

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